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Arsonists Torch Caboose in Midnight Attack



FIRE SCENE - A fiery inferno rages inside of the caboose. The fire broke out around midnight on Tuesday. The suspects quickly fled the scene before police and the fire department arrived. Two youths have been taken into custody in connection with the incident. Reeve Murray Fearrey says that he is "very discouraged to see this type of vandalism," and fears that a building could be targeted next. Located by the Rails End Gallery, the caboose has been in Haliburton since the late 1970's. Full story on page 11.

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High Gas Prices Diminish Resorts' High Hopes

As gas prices continue to soar, many Highland business owners are getting nervous about the approaching summer season. They fear that high prices will keep the summer tourists away, and sales will become stagnant. Of all the businesses within the Highlands, there are few that depend on tourists as much as local resorts, motels and inns. Unsurprisingly, it is also these businesses that are the most concerned about high gas prices.

Some Resorts Handing Out Gas Coupons

"The summer will be difficult with high gas prices. We will need to be more competitive, and offer better value," said Ian Ashdown, co-owner of the Martinwood Resort and Golf Course. "We have adjusted prices, and made some special offers. It's been a difficult start to the season, and the weather hasn't helped. I believe that people will think twice before making journeys, but at the end of the day, people will still travel." Shirley Johannessen of the Ox Narrows Resort was equally apprehensive. "I don't know how the summer will be. Some say 'What's another \$20?' while some say that there were less cars on the road on the May 24. I think that it's too early to say. When school gets out, we get busy. I think that those who can afford cottages will come up to them, but those who don't have cottages, and come to stay in accommodations, may not come because of high gas prices."

"It's hard to say how the summer will be," said Kimberly Tustin, owner and operator of the Red Umbrella Inn. "It's been pretty quiet so far. Bookings are a bit down, and the May 24 wasn't as busy as usual. It's a little scary. With high gas prices, I think people will stay within Ontario, instead of going south of the border, or to Vancouver. That's a good thing for us. We've also noticed that with the current gas prices, guests are staying around the resort more, instead of travelling around the county or to Algonquin Park." Andrea

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Laurie Scott Takes a Stand on Uranium

by Liz Danielsen

Supports Provincial
Moratorium

The number of voices in Haliburton County speaking out against uranium exploration and mining has just increased by one. Municipal Councils for Highlands East, Dysart and Algonquin Highlands have all supported the cries for a moratorium on uranium mining and Minden Hills is expected to follow suit later this week. The request for a moratorium has also been unanimously endorsed by the County Council. But despite this political support, one question has continually been asked at the recent rounds of public meetings. "Where does Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Conservative MPP Laurie Scott stand on the issue?"

In a letter dated May 14th to the Municipality of Highlands East, and released on Tuesday, May 27th, Scott says she supports their resolution which requests a moratorium on uranium mining and exploration until a review of the Mining Act is conducted.

Scott says in her letter that she appreciates the concerns raised by the Council as she has also heard from a number of constituents on the matter. She goes on to say she has been in regular contact with the Minister's office of Northern Development & Mines in efforts to keep abreast of the Ministry's direction.

She concludes, "As the MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, I am encouraging the Provincial Government to review the current practice whereby mineral rights are detached from surface rights."

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Food Group Sowing Seeds to Grow Local Food Economy

Sub-group of Environment Haliburton meets monthly to discuss objectives

Laura Salverda

Staff Reporter

A local group is busy sowing seeds to create a more effective local food economy. The Haliburton Highlands Local Food Group, a sub-group of Environment Haliburton! (EH!), gathered in the boardroom of the health unit on Monday to listen to a presentation by Kathy Simpson, a rural business consultant with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and to discuss their objectives.

The group represents all sides of the issue – environmentalists, area growers and health unit professionals – who share common goals – to raise community awareness of the importance of buying locally grown produce, to support existing producers and to help set up distribution systems for local foods. Sharon Harrison, a member of EH! and chair of the local food group, said they had their first meeting in March of this year, and they have now received a \$2,100 grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC). Harrison said after last month's meeting, the group had hoped to hire a researcher to help them learn more about who the local producers are and what products are currently available in the County.

However, Simpson began her discussion by pointing out that the province thinks of all of Ontario as 'local'. Simpson spent some time reminding the group about the now familiar 'Good things grow in Ontario' campaign, and the new 'Pick Ontario Freshness' campaign which not only targets locally produced fruit and vegetables, but also deli meats, artisan breads and cheese.

Simpson also said a recent survey conducted by Foodland Ontario discovered that while consumers do place a priority on local food, food safety and price are also major factors within their purchases. The survey also showed that tourists are more likely to buy local items on restaurant menus, especially if they are told the story behind the food, but the number one priority for all restaurant patrons was the freshness of the food.

The group listened to Simpson with avid interest and discussed the initiatives local food groups have taken in other areas, citing Kawartha Lakes, Durham Region, Muskoka and Prince Edward County – and discussing their branding and agri-tourism initiatives.

"Peterborough and Kawartha Lakes use the same banner and logo – Kawartha Choice," Simpson said. "Their initiative came out of the BSE (mad cow disease) issue, when their beef farmers couldn't ship food out of Ontario."

Simpson said the local Chamber of Commerce got involved and came up with some fun ways to include local businesses in their support of the local beef farmers – and in one example, the restaurant in the local Holiday Inn sponsored 'best burger' contests using beef from local farms. She also said that since Kawartha Lakes has identified agriculture as a key driver in the area economy, the City has hired an agriculture development officer who coordinates workshops, produces local guides and maintains the website.

Simpson suggested that the group look at ways to improve local food delivery systems to more effectively deliver food to consumers, and to have farmers look at 'value-added' initiatives.

"Value-added means working to create more local processing," Simpson said. "Food processing brings in more dollars than just selling produce off of the farm." Simpson also suggested the group might look at regional partnerships, because of the diversity of agriculture.

"Because of geographical differences in soil and temperature, every area can't grow every product."

Before Simpson wrapped up her presentation, she handed around a survey of registered

farmers in Ontario – clarifying that to be registered as an agriculture business with the province, the farm must have a total gross income of more than \$7,000. The report, based on the 2006 Census of Agriculture and Economic Development Policy, shows there are a total of 84 farms registered in Haliburton County, with the highest percentage of farms listed in the 'other' industry category group at 23 per cent, and beef cattle and ranching listed at 20 per cent. Simpson said 'other' would include maple syrup, herbs or apiaries.

The report shows one hog farmer, two poultry and egg producers, two fruit and tree nut producers and seven vegetable or melon producers. The major field crop for that year was hay, and the major vegetable crop was sweet corn. The total number of square metres in greenhouse crops under glass sat at 824 and the total number of hectares in farms was 6,195, however that number includes the 3,090 in Christmas trees and woodland, or wetlands, and 1,770 in natural land for pasture.

To some of the farmers sitting around the table, the numbers added up to one thing – they need more producers in the County to create an effective local food economy. To everyone at the table, the numbers showed pretty dismal incomes reported, with 56 of the producers showing less than \$10,000 in gross income, and 16 more under \$24,999.

However, after the lively discussion on Monday, the group decided more discussion within their primary objective was now key to moving forward. Andrea Coysh, current president of the HCFA pointed out that there are still many hurdles to conquer, including issues within the privacy of information from the farm association. Coysh also said that some of the area

farmers she has spoken to about getting involved are worried about putting their information on the local food website.

"Some of them are worried about possible regulatory issues with the government," Coysh said.

The group also decided that education of consumers is key. Megan Stong, a public health food worker at the health unit, commented that she finds people don't even realize food is actually produced in the County.

"Many people think we just grow rocks up here," Megan Stong said.

While the group still sees information gathering as their immediate objective, and discussed a survey approach targeting growers, institutions and possibly consumers, is the way to go, and have formed a sub-committee to set objectives within that survey. Coysh said the group needs to take time to decide on the objectives of the survey, how many and who to target.

"What do we want to get out of the survey?" Coysh asked the other group members. "And what are we going to do with that information once we gather it?"

Simpson cautioned the group to move in small steps, and suggested they promote what already exists and build on what is already available, including the area farmers' markets.

To that end, the group ended the meeting with the decision to form a sub-committee which will meet to discuss potential surveys and the objectives within those surveys. The group has also set October 25 as a date for a workshop or local agricultural forum, and their next meeting date as June 30 at 10 a.m., again in the health unit boardroom. Interested community members are welcome to participate.

Harrison wrapped up with these words.

"We have many challenges ahead, but we also have the passion and the resources to make this happen." ■



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What Happened in Vegas (PG)	8:00 pm	6:40 & 9:00

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Local grower John Rose listens to a presentation by Kathy Simpson, rural business consultant with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, on Monday. Simpson was speaking to a local food group, a sub-group of Environment Haliburton!, that is focused on creating a sustainable local food economy.

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Bancroft	19/8/pc	19/8/ts	19/8/pc	20/9/ts	19/8/sh	21/9/sh	21/9/pc
Barrie	18/7/pc	19/11/ts	20/9/pc	21/8/pc	21/9/sh	21/9/sh	22/8/pc
Dorset	18/8/pc	18/8/ts	18/8/pc	19/8/ts	18/8/sh	21/8/sh	21/9/pc
Haliburton	19/8/pc	19/8/ts	19/8/pc	19/9/ts	19/8/sh	21/9/sh	21/9/pc
Huntsville	18/8/pc	18/8/ts	18/8/pc	19/9/ts	18/8/sh	21/9/sh	21/9/pc
Kingston	21/10/pc	21/10/ts	21/10/pc	21/10/pc	21/10/sh	21/10/sh	22/9/pc
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Oshawa	18/7/pc	21/10/ts	21/10/pc	21/10/pc	21/10/sh	21/10/sh	22/8/pc
Ottawa	16/6/pc	19/7/pc	18/9/pc	24/11/ts	28/17/sh	21/13/sh	22/9/pc
Toronto	18/6/pc	20/10/ts	19/8/pc	22/7/pc	21/8/sh	22/9/sh	22/8/pc

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City	Today Hi/Low/Otk	Friday Hi/Low/Otk	Saturday Hi/Low/Otk	Sunday Hi/Low/Otk	Monday Hi/Low/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otk
Calgary	22/15/pc	17/8/su	20/8/su	18/7/pc	24/10/sh	22/10/pc	22/9/sh
Edmonton	24/7/pc	22/7/pc	17/6/cl	17/7/pc	23/10/pc	23/9/pc	22/9/sh
Fredericton	14/6/sh	14/5/pc	17/8/sh	18/7/sh	18/8/sh	21/9/sh	21/9/sh
Halifax	16/6/cl	14/7/su	15/9/sh	16/9/sh	16/10/pc	17/11/pc	16/11/sh
Montreal	15/4/pc	19/8/pc	18/8/pc	22/7/pc	21/8/sh	22/9/sh	22/9/pc
Regina	23/8/ts	23/9/ts	22/11/su	22/9/sh	22/9/sh	22/10/pc	21/9/sh
St. John's	14/6/cl	12/6/sh	11/4/pc	11/4/sh	11/5/pc	10/6/pc	10/4/sh
Saskatoon	23/8/pc	21/7/ts	22/8/pc	22/9/pc	23/9/sh	24/10/pc	23/11/pc
Vancouver	18/12/sh	18/9/pc	21/9/pc	19/10/sh	19/9/pc	19/10/pc	19/11/sh
Whitehorse	15/6/cl	14/4/pc	17/6/pc	17/6/sh	18/7/sh	19/7/sh	17/8/sh
Winnipeg	23/9/pc	24/11/ts	21/11/pc	22/11/pc	22/10/sh	22/9/pc	22/9/pc

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Saturday 5/24	20°C	7°C	0.0 mm
Friday 5/23	17°C	6°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 5/22	14°C	4°C	2.5 mm
Wednesday 5/21	8°C	3°C	1.3 mm

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Sat.	5:31 a.m./8:53 p.m.	2:59 a.m./5:22 p.m.
Sun.	5:30 a.m./8:54 p.m.	3:25 a.m./6:46 p.m.
Mon.	5:30 a.m./8:55 p.m.	3:59 a.m./8:11 p.m.
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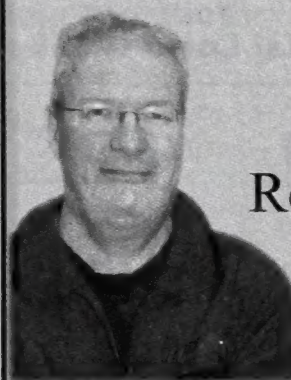
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County Voice

EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

BY STEPHEN PATRICK



Resorts, Summer, and the Old Cash Flow

Summer's just around the corner, the black flies have marshalled their forces and launched their annual attack in what seems to be shock and awe numbers, and the County sits and waits for the cash to flow. The Haliburton Home and Cottage Show is holding its 30th annual event this weekend with a record number of exhibitors. The second Annual Relay for Life has attracted many more teams and supporters for the June 13th event (see our special supplement elsewhere in this issue), proving once again how quickly and effectively Haliburton citizens and businesses rally around a good cause. And many resort owners report reasonable summer bookings, despite a very disappointing winter season.

And yet, and yet, there is some widespread lingering doubts about this summer's prospects among many business owners, particularly those in the Hospitality Industry. You see, those pesky gas prices just won't stop rising, prompting many business pundits to predict \$1.50 a litre prices by August 1st. How this will affect the County is very hard to judge. The Hospitality Industry is a huge part of our economy, and has been for decades. In the first half of the last century some far sighted local families saw a way to augment their incomes by offering cottages and meals to vacationers: the Harrisons, Pringles, and Emmersons on Koshlong, the Goulds/Caseys, and the Hollands (and later the Stinsons) on Kashagawigamog, and the Elstones on Soyers can in a way be credited with starting the Haliburton family cottage tradition. At Miners Bay Lodge, the Wunker family have welcomed guests for 70 years, with no sign of any diminishing interest (see story on page 1 in this edition).

But Miners Bay is clearly an exception. The resorts and inns, the restaurants and even the motels, face serious challenges from the cottage rental industry, time shares, and even deep-discount flights to the States and Europe. At one point a few years ago a couple could spend four or five days in Madrid, air fare included, for only a few hundred bucks more than a three day weekend might cost in a higher-end resort in Haliburton. As well, the desire for a cottage of one's own doesn't seem to be diminishing, and in fact is seen by many as an investment, a kind of hedge against inflation, as well as perhaps a future retirement home.

And, as the industry is faced with intense competition from other forms of summer and winter holiday alternatives and venues, it also has to decide exactly which market niche it wishes to pursue: families or couples, high end, middle of the road, discount. Everything from décor to menus is determined by what you imagine your guests will want, which is not an easy task. In any urban centre restaurants open and close with startling and frightening speed: yesterday's champagne risotto is tomorrow's cold porridge, and ciao baby.

I worked in the resort industry for a number of years and it never ceased to amaze me how every little nuance of the business could affect the bottom-line. And how essential it was for the resort to know exactly what its particular personality was, and wasn't.

It may yet turn out to be a good summer for our resorts, despite the intimidating gas prices and the competition for the tourist dollar. If you're so inclined, say a short prayer for those owners and employees who welcome so many thousands of tourists to the County each year. Their industry is an essential part of our economy, and our survival. ■

Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

Re: Open Pit Uranium Mine: "I would be very surprised if such an outrageous proposal makes it to the review stage, let alone passes it."

I want to take this opportunity to publicly explain my position on the exploration activity and proposed open pit uranium mine by Bancroft Mining Co. in Highlands East.

As a resident of North Kawartha Township, a candidate for public office and a committed environmentalist, I share many of the concerns being voiced by residents and cottagers about this activity and proposal. If this project is permitted to come to fruition, I cannot imagine a scenario where an open pit uranium mine would not pose serious health and environmental hazards to the people and environment in the area. I also recognize the value of an aware and mobilized citizenry in watching over and defending their interests.

However, there are some points that give me a considerable level of optimism about this issue. While the regulation of mining is primarily a provincial responsibility and not a federal one where my candidacy is, I am aware that this provincial Liberal government has publicly committed to a complete review of the provincial Mining Act during its current mandate and has started the internal process already.

I am not in a position to prejudge the outcome. However, I fully expect the issue of mining exploration on private residential land to be considered and look forward to an opportunity to provide input to the public process that I am confident will come.

I am also aware of the environmental review and assessment process that is based in law that all proposed activities, large and small, must undergo in the quest to obtain permission to carry out any project that has potential adverse environmental and/or health consequences.

This is a law and process that we have fought hard for over the years, has real power to prohibit or strictly control these kinds of proposals and should not be underestimated. It was noted in a recent article in this paper that Highlands East Council must address these issues in considering the repair of a local bridge.

While I cannot provide a guarantee, I would be very surprised if such an outrageous proposal makes it to the review stage, let alone passes it with any conditions. There is a great deal to be sceptical about the chatter surrounding this proposal, not the least of which is the suggestion that the proponents have any kind of real relationship or support for this from local first nations. There is a reason the company cannot provide the details publicly and it is obvious.

In summary, while I cannot take an effective position as a federal candidate on a provincial matter of jurisdiction, as a citizen I share many of the concerns I have heard. I also encourage people to remain both vigilant and mindful of the things working to their advantage in this matter.

Sincerely,

Marlene White

Federal Liberal Candidate

Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes - Brock ■

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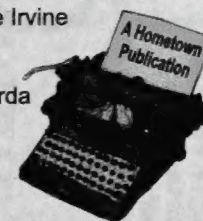
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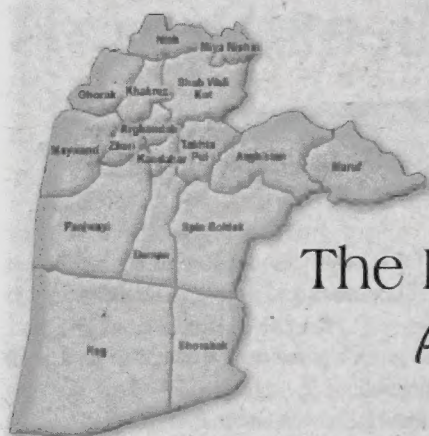
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The Road to Kandahar *A Soldier's Journal*

by Captain David Beatty

The Taliban Hate Country Music

This week was an eventful one here in Kandahar Air Force Base (KAF), on 24 and 25 May, the Canadian Forces Shoe Tour arrived to perform for the Canadian service personnel currently located at KAF. This was part of a weeklong tour, which had the show tour visit the various Forward Operating Bases throughout Kandahar province.

The performers were a mix of comedians, singers and performers; most notable was the performance by Diana Chase. Having song a few Country songs, she had just begun to sing her new single "A Soldier's Wife" when KAF got hit with a rocket attack. As the audience headed for the bunkers, the performers looked rather startled – I doubt if an audience has cleared a concert that quickly since the band played on the back deck of the Titanic. I am sure there are very few performers who had an audience clear out – however she did manage to get "Standing Room Only" in some of the bunkers. This of course led to yet another addition to the "rules of conduct for the bunker" – avoid the bunker in which the singers and dancers have taken shelter – for some reason they seemed to be over crowded.

The real trick for the performers was trying to get the group back into the mood after the attack. It is very hard to top a rocket attack for an entertainer. Even the host of the show, a comedian from Winnipeg had a hard time getting the crowd to warm up (actually very few people came back to the show), which was all in all not too bad. The performers put on a second show the following evening, and as sure as people will bet on the Maple Leafs to go the distance, folks were placing bets on whether or not the local Taliban were going to provide the fireworks to support our show, and in keeping with the track record of the Maple Leafs, the Taliban came up short and the show went on.

In discussions with some of the Americans here, it appears that when Toby Keith played at the US Show tour, he too was interrupted by a rocket attack. Coincidence? Or is it that the Taliban just do not like country music???

On a more serious note, Canadian soldiers continue to perform admirably. Operations are on going and despite the odd set back from IEDs, Canadian soldiers continue to take the fight to the insurgency. ■

More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

"I suggest our MPP treats this issue as a 'school project'"

I would like to offer my congratulations to all the school children who competed at the recent meet in Peterborough. I watched some of them go through their paces just before the meet. It was obvious to me that the children had put a considerable amount of effort into improving their abilities in the various events. What makes their results more commendable are the limitations they face with training facilities. I was recently in Brockville competing in a track and field event put on by the Ontario Masters organisation. The event was held at a high school where about \$1,000,000 was recently spent resurfacing the track and it was also expanded from six to eight lanes. Each field event had its own new surface. If you have looked at the track at Haliburton High you will understand that it does have its problems. In Bracebridge I see that the Trillium School Board has put in a fine track at its new high school.

Whether or not Haliburton County is successful in its bid to host the 2010 Ontario summer games I hope that the Province will make available the funds that are necessary if our local kids are to have the athletic facilities that will allow them to compete on equal terms with the youth from larger centres. I would suggest that our MPP treat this issue as a "school project".

Last but not least I would like all these children to know that the Stanhope Triathlon, which will be held in August, at the Stanhope Community centre, is a great event for them to further their athletic endeavours. If you competed in Peterborough you are good enough for the "Try a tri" event. If you really think you are good then go for the Sprint Triathlon. In the Sprint Triathlon some of the competitors come with serious looking bikes, but on North Shore Road (the bike route) you will find that a mountain bike will work quite well. It is what you can do with your swimming and running that will make the difference.

Last year I entered the "Try a tri" competition and had great fun competing against some young ladies who thought they could beat "Old Age" with no problem. (They lost). What disappointed me about the event was the dearth of seniors for me to compete with. Considering the number of seniors in the County I thought this would be a sell out event for them.

Maybe this will be the year... I hope Haliburton High will also be well represented.

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Signed at the Township of Minden Hills, County of Haliburton this 15th day of May, 2008. Township of Minden Hills, Laura Cunliffe, Deputy Clerk

This week the Anti-Uranium Coalition held a classy fund raising banquet at the Old Country House Restaurant and Bar in Haliburton. While attendance was modest, there was an excellent cross section of supporters and people in attendance who wished to learn more about uranium development and its impact on the area.

The event also offered an opportunity for the members of the Coalition to kick back just a bit after many months of hard work trying to raise awareness about the dangers of uranium mining in the County and beyond.

But what or who exactly is the Anti-Uranium Coalition? During his opening remarks Haliburton Green Party Representative and Coalition member Doug Smith clarified this saying, "The Green Party, FUME and the Community Coalition Against Mining Uranium (CCAMU) have loosely coalesced to share information and work together."

According to Smith, after due consideration a decision was made by its members to register the Coalition as a partnership. Taking this step will facilitate fund raising programs that will fuel the fight against uranium exploration and mining and help with other initiatives that the members are involved in.

In his comments to the group about the Coalition, Smith said it was established primarily to serve as a banking convenience. He was also quick to add, "But we're also prepared to let (the Coalition) go with a zephyr wind should it become bureaucratic in any way." Speaking of the Coalition's name Smith also said, "We can't actually be opposed to uranium as it is an element of the earth's being, but to call it the *Anti-Uranium Mining and Exploration Coalition* seemed like a bit of a jaw breaker."

When asked if there were specific plans for the funds, FUME co-founder Robin Simpson said it was the Coalition's hope to be able to use some of the money to purchase radon testing equipment and to set up a library of materials and information about uranium for use by the public.

Smith said the Coalition has a number of initiatives underway, some of which are strongly represented by the individual parties. CCAMU, a group of concerned citizens from the greater Ottawa Valley and Kingston area, has come together to prevent a uranium mine in the Frontenac and Lanark region.

According to Smith, FUME members have one initiative already underway, namely a move to organize the cottagers, particularly in Highlands East and those living along the Trent Severn Waterway. The intention is to have concerns voiced to all of the MPP's in the cottagers' southern ridings, creating a scattergun effect throughout the province.

To this end, FUME will be holding a public information session at the Glamorgan Community Centre in Gooderham on Saturday, June 21st. The session is expected to be held in the morning, but a time will be announced once planning for the meeting is finalized. Presentations will be made on health and environmental issues and the economic and personal impacts of uranium mining and exploration in Haliburton County. Particular focus will be given to how uranium mining and exploration will impact the cottage community and what actions cottagers can take to help prevent them.

Smith said another matter of particular concern to the Coalition is the issue of incursions of aboriginal rights in Sharbot Lake and Ardoch First Nations. He spoke of the recent arrest of Ardoch Algonquin spokesperson Robert Lovelace for peacefully protesting uranium mining on traditional Ardoch homeland. Smith said that Lovelace recently gave him permission to nominate Lovelace for the Nuclear-Free Future Award. This prestigious global anti-nuclear prize is awarded to those who champion the vision of a better future.

Smith said, "Imagine the shame and disgrace that will be on the government's shoulders should Lovelace be named for the award. Lovelace was simply fulfilling his obligation as Chief to protect his traditional lands."

On a lighter note, Smith suggested that some of the funds raised could be spend on T-Shirts that read "Revolution begins in the Highlands". But he continued by saying how proud he was of the work of Robin Simpson, Christine Atrill and Roger Young who confronted the Highlands East Council in efforts to have them support the need for a moratorium on uranium mining and exploration. Smith said, "Their work has had a domino effect and now the entire County is in favour of a moratorium."

Smith commented on how much he appreciated seeing people from such different walks of life supporting their initiative. He grinned and acknowledged the willingness of people with power and influence from within the County to "rub shoulders with hairy radicals" and promised that the Coalition members would be on their best behaviour throughout the evening.

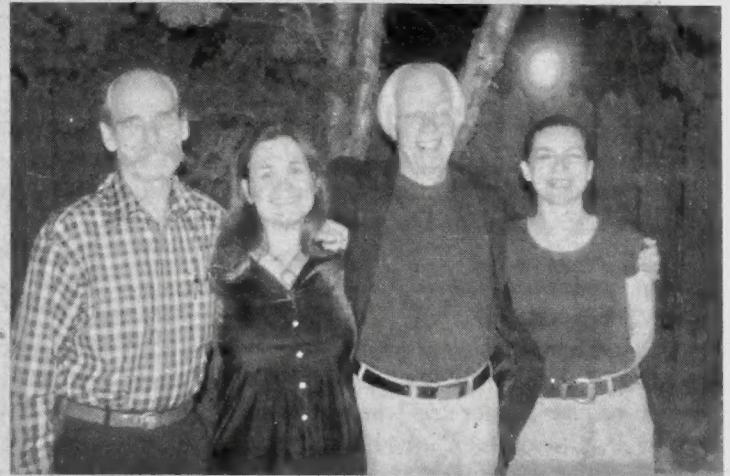
Smith offered his sincere thanks to restaurateur Sylvia Miller for her staunch support of the Coalition's efforts and also for calling in favors and offering the event at cost to help with fundraising. Later in the evening Smith gave Miller with a bouquet of wild leeks in appreciation.

Smith concluded his comments by saying, "We're not just a small number of people that need to be chased off their land, but a group that has grown much larger and are looking for complicated changes to the Mining Act."

Throughout the evening Christine Atrill and Robin Simpson both spoke to the group providing details about how FUME got started, bringing everyone up to date on the activities of Bancroft Uranium, El Nino Ventures and CanAm Uranium and their holdings in the area as well as the success of recent drilling programs.

They explained the claiming process that is allowed and even encouraged through Ontario's Mining Act and the risks associated with claims to private land owners in the area. Atrill talked about open pit mining and how it could devastate an area and poison the water. Simpson said, "Radon gas will travel in the wind and cover most if not all of Haliburton County if this takes off!" Both Atrill and Simpson voiced FUME's continued pledge to ensure that uranium mining does not take place in the County.

Simpson said that by chance he met with a woman who lives near the Bicroft and Dyno Mine sites who appealed her tax assessment because of her proximity to the old site. According to Simpson her taxes were reduced by 30% without question. He assured the audience that it was not something that he liked to see happen, nor would FUME be following up their concerns in that way given the consequences to the communities they all live in.



Robin Simpson, Christine Atrill, Doug Smith & Silvia Miller

Times are Changing for County Emergency Services

The continuing trend towards increased calls for emergency services in the County is finally taking its toll. As a result this week County Council was presented with a new plan of action by Pat Kennedy, Director of Emergency Services. And with the plan comes the possibility of increased costs.

According to Kennedy, the problem actually started a few years ago with the County trying to meet mandated response times. The Ministry requires a 90th percentile which means that 90 percent of the calls received must be responded to within 26.04 minutes. Kennedy says the County's EMS (Emergency Medical Services) has been exceeding this time for a number of years. He said, "The County's average response time in 2007 was 27.17 minutes, almost 45 seconds over what is mandated."

In efforts to improve response times, EMS decided some time ago to stop doing non-emergent transfers outside of the County. At the same time they decided to deploy an ambulance to Algonquin Highlands. Unfortunately, according to Kennedy locating an ambulance there was not having a significant impact. Problems were also encountered with Lindsay dispatch which also affected service in the northern part of Algonquin Highlands.

The County's problems have been compounded by several other things. Kennedy says that calls have increased dramatically over the last few years, particularly during the summer months. He also attributes part of the difficulty in meeting response times to the continued expansion of the road networks to lakes in the area as well as the fact that more and more cottages are being used on a year round basis.

Another problem comes from outside of the County. The City of Kawartha Lakes, which provides standby coverage for Haliburton County is also experiencing difficulties meeting the mandated response times. Because of this, they have decided they will only respond to calls for Haliburton County out of Bobcageon and Fenelon Falls.

These issues have all been reviewed carefully by the Emergency Services Committee and several recommendations were made to County Council on Wednesday. The ambulance previously operating out of Algonquin Highlands will now be deployed to Highlands East full time, as long as there are three ambulances available. This is because last year there were 340 calls from Highlands East and while calls from Algonquin Highlands continue to increase, their total for the year was just 200.

Kennedy advised Council that he will be trying to schedule additional shifts for Friday and Saturday nights during the summer months to respond to the increasing number of calls. He said that it is difficult to find staff at the last minute and that by planning in advance the County can provide a better service overall. Kennedy added however, that this could impact the County's budget by as much as \$10,000.

Kennedy also said that his department planned to make better use of their emergency response units. "In the case of a staff member not being available for work, we'll send the other member out in an emergency response vehicle. This will improve our response capability and make better use of the emergency response units that are available."

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner said that the Emergency Response Committee has been struggling with these issues and has requested a meeting with the Ministry. He suggested that once the meeting is set, as many County Councillors should attend as possible.

Putting on his Algonquin Highlands hat, Gardner voiced concern that the response times in Algonquin Highlands are the highest (32 minutes on average) and that moving the ambulance to Highlands East certainly will not alleviate this problem. However, according to Kennedy coverage to Algonquin Highlands will not change dramatically as they will still have an ambulance in Minden.

Kennedy says, "The Highlands East ambulance will remain fluid and will respond to calls to other municipalities as required." He added that there could be an improvement in Hastings or the City of Kawartha Lakes and they will then put more vehicles back on call. "We're all struggling with the same issues and basically we're all finding that we have to look after ourselves."

Kennedy said, "In an ideal world I would like to see another ambulance available seven days a week. Unfortunately, this simply is not possible." He said, "There is no easy

solution to the problems being encountered. We have done everything we can to meet mandated response times, and are now looking to meet with the Province for guidance or ideas on how this can be achieved."

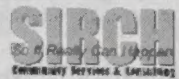
Minden Hills Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch said, "I support Mr. Kennedy fully. Geography is our enemy. Urban solutions are not for rural areas like ours. These recommendations may cost additional money, but we have no choice."

Warden Eleanor Harrison commented on the difficulty of being both the Warden and the Reeve of Algonquin Highlands, particularly when something like the ambulance being pulled out from under them happens. She said, "That ambulance gave us a sense of security and the feeling that response times would be better."

Harrison also said, "We have to place our trust in Mr. Kennedy to offer a service that is best throughout the County." Harrison continued to say that she was sure that Kennedy would continue to make recommendations as they are required, agreeing with his comments that his department is trying to achieve balanced coverage throughout the County with limited resources. ■

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter



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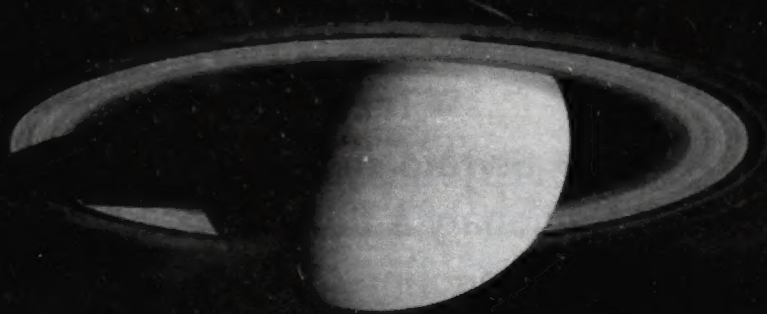
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The Early Birders Hear the Music 10th Annual Field Naturalist's Spring Bird Walk

"Sweet Canada Canada Canada" That's what some 15 hardy birders first heard last Saturday morning at 6:30 am as they headed out for the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists' 10th annual Spring Bird Walk. At least that's the sound retired Carleton Biology Professor and Kashagawigamog cottager Don Smith told the group he heard.

"I'm not a musical person," Smith confessed. "And that's why many bird books and birders hear bird songs as words – it makes it easier for people like me to quickly identify a song if we associate it with words." And by the way, the White Throated Sparrow is the tiny bird responsible for that cheerful "Sweet Canada Canada Canada" sound. And so the walk began, led by Smith, down the Rail Trail starting at Goulds Crossing, off County Road 1. "The spring is the best time to hear our birds in full song. Territory is being established, families are beginning, and the woods can be filled with song."

To the untrained ear, the differing bird sounds emanating from the bush can often be just one confusing trilling noise. Almost everybody can identify Blue Jays and Loons, and people who have bird feeders all know the Chickadees piercing notes. But our woods are filled with dozens of different types of warblers, wrens, insect catchers, jays, grouse, crows and woodpeckers, each with its own distinctive sound. Even so, naturalists like Professor Smith acknowledge that the range and number of species is diminishing yearly. "There can be no doubt," he said, "that something serious is happening to our bird population. I don't know the cause, although we all have our suspicions. But no serious bird watcher disputes the central fact: there is a long-term decline in our bird population and diversity."

Bird watching and bird listening in the bush are among the most gentle and benign hobbies, or occupations, you can imagine. You need to force your eyes and ears to concentrate on these tiny creatures that are so elusive, almost ethereal and other worldly. As we walk along the trail, and under the tutelage of Professor Smith and many other knowledgeable birders in the group, we can gradually begin to separate the sounds.

Suddenly two birders whirl around and point into the bush: "there, hear that, that's a 'Cheese, Cheese, Cheese' sound – must be a Mourning Warbler, tiny, with a black throat." The group concentrate their binoculars but the little Warbler is not going to present himself this morning. And another birder confesses that she doesn't hear 'Cheese Cheese', but rather 'Cheery Cheery Cheery'. Even to the strict amateur, our group concentration seems to help in isolating the different sounds, and they gradually become more and more distinct, perhaps because we've identified the sounds and given them different names. A minute or two later the Oven Bird weighs in with an emphatic 'Teacher Teacher Teacher'. Soon the Red Eyed Vireo shouts 'Here I am, do you see me, way up here' and the Black and White Warbler, creeping up and down a tree searching for insects, contributes a sharp 'Wheezy Wheezy Wheezy', like squeezing a rubber ball with a small hole in it.

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Lyn Winans



On May 29, 1903, film, TV, and radio star Bob Hope is born Leslie Townes Hope in Eltham, England. After careers in vaudeville and radio, Hope's career as a film actor made him one of the most highly paid entertainers in Hollywood.

On May 30, 1593, playwright Christopher Marlowe, 29, is killed. Marlowe had been arrested when "heretical" papers were found in his room. While out on bail, Marlowe became involved in a fight over a tavern bill and was stabbed to death.

On May 31, 1859, in London the famous tower clock known as Big Ben rings out for the first time. Many claim the clock was named after the famously long-winded commissioner of works Sir Benjamin Hall. Another story argues that the bell was named for the popular heavyweight boxer Benjamin Caunt.

On June 1, 1980, CNN (Cable News Network), the world's first 24-hour television news network, makes its debut. In its first years of operation, CNN lost money and was ridiculed as the Chicken Noodle Network.

On June 2, 1912, Carl Laemmle merges his movie studio with several others, creating Hollywood's first major studio, Universal. The studio's major box-office hits have included "American Graffiti," "Jaws," "E.T." and "Jurassic Park."

On June 3, 1800, President John Adams becomes the first acting president to take up residence in Washington, D.C. Unfortunately, the White House was not yet finished, so Adams moved into temporary digs at a tavern called Tunnicliffe's City Hotel.

On June 4, 1986, Jonathan Pollard pleads guilty to espionage for selling top-secret U.S. military intelligence information to Israel and is sentenced to life in prison. The former Navy intelligence analyst sold enough classified documents to fill a medium-sized room and had been paid approximately \$50,000.

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Community Leaders Recognized

June White and Anne Maher Receive Plaques at Point In Time Centre



June White knows that it takes a village to raise a child.

This past Tuesday at the Point In Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, White was recognized with a plaque for her many years of dedication and hard work in the community.

"This building is the 'June White building'," said Penny Obee, Chair of the Board of Directors for Point In Time. "She even has the hard hat to prove it!"

Obee said that June has been on the board for Point In Time for the past seven years. "June did a fabulous job, consistently working with staff to make sure what had to happen happened."

White became familiar with Haliburton County through her long-term involvement with Girl Guides of Canada. This brought

her to Camp Adelaide (just outside of Haliburton) every summer. Since then, she has been a permanent resident in the area for the past 20 years.

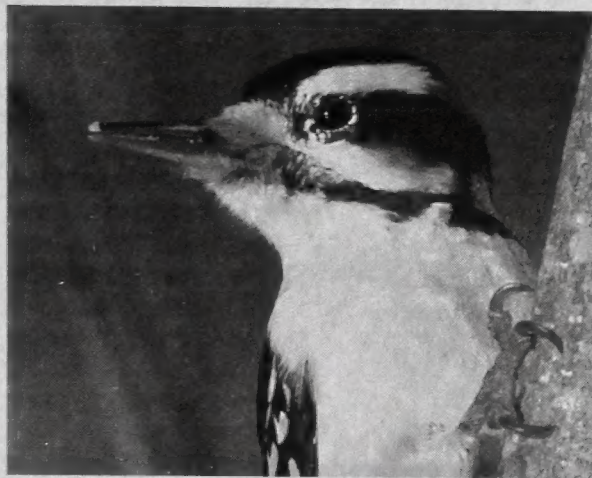
She went on to become the Vice President on the board of Family Services. She served on the board for a period of seven years.

During her time on the board, she was heavily involved with the "Around the Child Project" and the "Yes We Will Build a Pool Project". She was also Chair of the Building Committee and served as President of the Catholic Women's League.

Also presented with a plaque was Anne Maher for her six years of dedication as a board member for Point In Time. ■

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The Ruffed Grouse weighs in with a sharp series of drum punctuations, and the Nashville Warbler soon cries out its 'See Bit, See Bit, See Bit', and so the walk goes on. Chestnut Sided Warblers are heard and seen, the Golden Winged Warbler presents itself on the spur of a half-dead poplar: Yellow-Bellied Sapsuckers, Hairy Woodpeckers, Common Yellow Throats, Northern Flickers all put in an appearance. Suddenly, silently, a Broad Winged Hawk floats over the group and a Great Crested Flycatcher takes up his position on a solitary tall spur.

What a wonderful way to start a cool, clear spring day in the Highlands. And the Spring Walk is repeated this Saturday morning, May 31st, again at 6:30 am at Goulds Crossing and the Rail Trail, just off County Road 1 (the Gelert Road). ■

Anti-Uranium Fundraising Banquet Cont'd..

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Simpson also spoke about FUME's letter writing campaign targeting the Provincial Government requesting a moratorium on uranium mining in Ontario and calling for changes to the Mining Act to protect private landowners and First Nations. Copies of the letters will be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines with copies to Progressive Conservative Leader John Tory, NDP Leader Howard Hampton and Laurie Scott, local MPP.

Simpson said, "Cabinet appears to be divided on how to proceed." In his frustration about the Ontario Government and their position on mining activities and uranium, Simpson said, "It took the New York Times to pick up a story of a spill in Lake Ontario." In the story Cameco, the world's largest uranium producer has advised the Canadian nuclear regulator that its refinery 'might have' leaked uranium, arsenic and fluorides directly into Lake Ontario. This led to a number of people in the room questioning both the Provincial and Federal governments' abilities to regulate or set standards on uranium.

Smith introduced Wolfe Erlichman of Sharbot Lake as a special guest. Erlichman spoke of a friend whose property had been staked by a company exploring 30,000 acres of Crown Land in his area. Erlichman said that no amount of effort could stop the company and they had finally contacted First Nations people to assist. He said that through the blockade process they were finally able to stop the mining activity and thus save their river system. Erlichman spoke of a citizen's enquiry that they encouraged the government to conduct, saying that the government refused to take them up on their recommendations. Determined, the group set out to hold their own enquiry and after a lot of hard work the results will be published and released on June 24th in Queens Park.

Erlichman is concentrating on setting up an Ontario-wide Coalition of various groups, but says he will continue with his local efforts. In the meantime it is their hope to provide a bit more clarity on public concern in the area. Erlichman said he wants to see government decisions impacted through the results of their enquiry process and invited everyone to attend the release. (For more information on this process check out the Canadian Coalition Against Mining Uranium at www.ccamu.ca, Frontenac News Online and www.uraniumcitizensenquire.com which includes all of the submissions made as a result of the enquiry.

In his closing remarks at the end of the evening Doug Smith said, "We all have different roles to play, but in the end we all want them to go away and somehow we'll do it! We'll make more jobs trying to ensure that mining doesn't happen here than the mining companies have ever promised." ■



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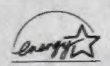
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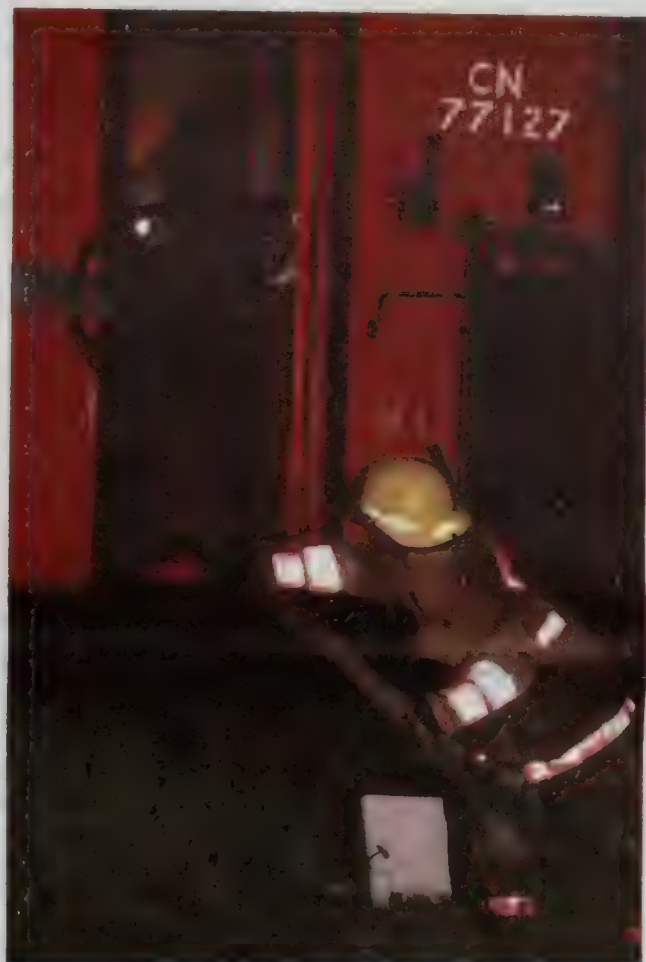
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County Voice Staff Witness Disturbance Seconds Before Caboose Blaze Spotted

A fire that was apparently deliberately set this past Tuesday night has left extensive damages to the historic orange caboose in Haliburton. Two youths have been taken into custody in connection with the incident: the investigation is ongoing.

"I went out for some night air and to get something from my car just before midnight and I heard kids screaming and yelling which sounded like a fight to me," said Voice Co-Publisher Brett Irvine. He was the first one to spot the fire.

Since Irvine thought someone might be in distress, he walked down the stairs of the Stedman's alleyway towards the parking lot. He says he couldn't make out who the figures were but heard them take off. Then suddenly the fire burst out.

"I looked over and I saw smoke pouring out of the caboose," he explained. Irvine then rushed back into the Stedman's Mall to alert his employees of the blaze who wasted no time in calling 911. Firefighters and OPP responded to the scene in less than ten minutes.

Joanne Irvine, Brett's wife and Voice Co-Publisher, quickly went outside with her camera to take photos of the blaze.

"I was taking pictures of history going up in smoke," she said.

The next day police were still guarding the scene. John Montgomery, Fire Investigator with the office of the Fire Marshall also arrived to assist with the investigation.

"We're looking for the cause and circumstances of the fire," said Montgomery. "We're taking photos and are excavating and clearing out the exterior. Forensic debris samples will be sent to the Centre of Forensic Sciences in Toronto."

Montgomery added that since there is no heating or electrical system in the caboose, a mechanical or electrical fire has been ruled out.

Reeve Murray Fearrey gave his reaction to The Voice yesterday about the arson.

"I'm very discouraged to see this type of vandalism. It's becoming typical in the community," said Fearrey. He adds that he is fearful that a building on Highland St. could be the next target.

Fearrey says he wants to see the caboose completely restored. He adds that he is extremely pleased with the quick response of both the fire department and the OPP at the

scene.

The day after the fire, Densign owner Robert denBoer came to pick up a commemorative plaque that was on the caboose. He says that plans are already underway with the Rotary Club and George Kadoke to restore the historical landmark. denBoer says that a meeting will be held with Dysart Council next Monday to discuss the restoration project.

This caboose has had a special place in Haliburton for a long time. Built in 1922, it has been a part of Canada's railway heritage and has served as a reminder of the important role the railway has played in our past.

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Gas Prices & Resorts Cont'd...

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Hagarty of the Bonnie View Inn agreed with Tustin. "With high gas prices, people will travel closer to home, instead of going further. We're only 2.5 hours from Toronto, so instead of doing the drive to Myrtle Beach, people will drive to Haliburton. We had the worst winter ever this year, but our early summer bookings are better than ever. High gas prices will certainly be a detriment, but the summer will still be good. I just hope the weather is good."

"We're fortunate that we don't have a lot of American customers," said Marie-Claire Warden of Ruby's Cottage Resort. "If we depended on customers from the US, high gas prices would pose a real problem. I've heard of resorts that rely on Americans, and its not going well for them. It's too far a drive. Fortunately, we depend on people from the GTA, and they'll come up despite the high gas prices."

Some local resorts are extremely concerned about high gas prices. "We're being affected very badly," said Bill Smith of Elephant Lake Lodge. "US trade and travel has almost disappeared. I'm sure many resorts will place themselves in bad debt positions this summer. I don't know what the answer to this problem is. Last year was bad, but this year will be even worse. Even Ontario tourists are not staying in resort accommodations as much. Many are renting private cottages. There are so many places on the internet to rent cottages now. It's not good for the resorts."

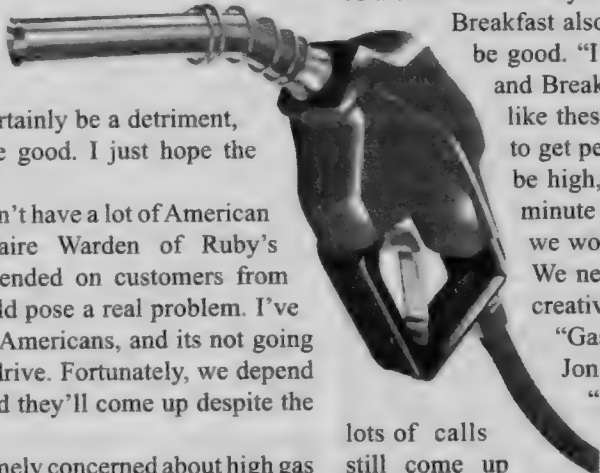
Although some businesses are worried about high gas prices, many claim that they are not concerned. "I think the upcoming season will be good," said Kevin Wyer, the General Manager of the Delta Pinestone Resort. "People will want to stay closer to home. Spring has been slow, but this summer will be better than last year. I think that Prince Edward Island and the Atlantic provinces will

suffer the most. Ontario has a big enough population to support its accommodations industry. At the Pinestone we're also offering a programme in which families get \$20 of fuel when they check out. I don't see high gas prices as a detriment." Sally Moore of the Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast also believes the summer season will be good. "I think that organizations like Bed and Breakfasts need to be creative in times like these. We need to offer special things to get people to come to the area. Gas will be high, and people are doing lots of last minute bookings. This doesn't mean that we won't do well. We're doing just fine. We need to be on the bit, and be really creative. We will have a good summer."

"Gas prices are certainly too high," said Jon Muir of the Silver Eagle Resort, "but we seem to still be getting and reservations. People will to cottage country. They don't city. Its looks like we're going to be full this summer. So I don't know if gas prices are really affecting us much."

Of all the resorts within the Highlands, they are few as confident about the upcoming summer as the Miner's Bay Lodge. "Gas prices don't affect us much. Our business has been here since 1938, and 90% of our business is repeat customers," said co-owner Russ Wunker. "We have 150 people, families, and couples, coming this summer that have been coming for a minimum of 20 years. We have nine people returning this summer that have been coming for a minimum of 50 years. One couple has been coming for the summer for 61 years. Because of our returning guests, we're a bit of an anomaly in the area. I think this summer will be as good as last year, regardless of the gas."

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More Letters to the Editor

"Passionate, informed, and united"

The Editor:

We attended the recent Symposium on uranium mining held at Sir Sanford Fleming College on Saturday, May 10, 2008 and thank The County Voice for their extensive and professional coverage of this meeting.

The panellists were passionate, informed and united in their opposition to such mining in Ontario. We appreciated having this opportunity to learn more about the issue and concerns and thank Environment Haliburton (EH) for organizing the Symposium and hosting those who attended. It was a thought-provoking and motivating afternoon.

Don & Beth Madole
1073 Pringle Rd., RR #2
Haliburton, ON ■

"Once upon a time we had a government in Ottawa"

The Editor:

What is the most griped about topic of Canadians?

The weather, and there is nothing we can do about it.

The next biggest gripes lately are the gas prices. And there is nothing we can do about it.

Or is there?

As things stand, this is true, unless the next U.S. President is foolish enough to throw out NAFTA.

The free trade deal our politicians in Ottawa have signed, is tantamount to giving away our national right to the control over OUR natural resources.

But once upon a time in ancient history, we had a government in Ottawa that actually acted with the welfare of all Canadians in mind.

They created a crown corporation to have a window into the oil patch. They called it PETRO CANADA. It turned out to be extremely successful and reaped sizeable profits for the Canadian government. Private oil corporations cried foul, calling it unfair competition.

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These interests were powerful enough, to convince our federal politicians that it was in Canada's best interest to privatize the rest of Petro Can.

Oh, we still have the name on some gas stations, but Canada as a country is no longer in partnership.

It has been policy in Canada for a long time to build our society around cheap oil. Cities and their suburbs are designed and built around the automobile

Our governments in Ottawa in their wisdom first destroyed the railways this country was built on, or at least the branch lines, and sold off the rest to private enterprise.

Result: Prices on still existing lines are unaffordable to the average Canadian. Rural Canada is totally dependent on cars and trucks.

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Having said that, reduced consumption of fossil fuel is in all our best interests. Global warming and all.

However, while incomes in cities are considerably higher than in rural areas and most cities are waking up to the benefits of mass transit, these options are not available in rural Canada.

I see terrific growth potential in rural areas for homeless people, food banks, and seniors freezing in the cold.

On the bright side we can now look forward to daily weather forecasts from Mars.

Sincerely
Karl Braeker
1292 Spar Lake Rd/
Norland, ON ■

Correction Re: Minden Hospital Auxiliary story in May 22 edition

In last week's paper an article about the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary contained incorrect information.

As the community is well aware, the Minden Hospital has had its own Auxiliary for many years, which operates its own gift shop, and which raises funds to purchase equipment for the Minden site.

The County Voice apologizes for the error.

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'Dream Quilt' Soon To Be Revealed

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

The historic "Dream Quilt" is almost complete and that means it soon will receive its grand unveiling.

It's a quilt that has been in local resident Sharon Middlehurst's family for nearly 70 years. But it's not just any old quilt. Over the years, 748 names have been embroidered on this work of art. Some very notable Canadians have had their names put on the quilt including: former Ontario Premier Mitch Hepburn, the Hon. Earl Rowe, Canada's first female member of Parliament Agnes McPhail and current Premier Dalton McGuinty.

For a minimum donation of \$15, individuals or organizations have had their name embroidered on the Dream Quilt. Businesses were invited to have their name put on for \$25. These individuals, organizations and businesses have to have some sort of a connection to Haliburton County.

The Dream Quilt will become the property of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery once it's complete. A biography will accompany each person's name along with the finished product.

The quilt will be unveiled on Friday, July 25 at the Minden Curling Club. Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock will be in attendance at the event. ■

HHHS Board Meeting: Leaders or Followers?

At the Haliburton Highlands Health Services monthly Board of Directors' Meeting last week the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC), under the leadership of Dr. Bob Heyes (Chief of Staff) and Dr. Steve Ferracuti, formally approved the credentials of the Health Clinic's Medical Staff for the coming year.

The committee also approved the credentials of about 20 other physicians as summer locums, or as Camp Doctors. Local dentist Dr. Ed Smolen was also granted credentials.

After dealing with several housekeeping matters, Board Member Olaf Kraulis made a presentation informing the Board of the progress his Quality Committee was making towards a strategic plan for the development of

Information Technology for the HHHS. Mr. Kraulis' report showed some of the planning difficulties Health Services face in an unsettled financial environment. He noted that the committee faced a typically Canadian dilemma over whether or not to be leaders or followers.

"If you choose to be a leader, you can end up with a lot of arrows in your back, whereas if you choose to be a follower, you're always playing catch-up." Mr. Kraulis said that the prudent course was to be a follower under funding parameters become clear.

Dr. Heyes responded with some cautious disagreement. "We decided to become a paperless office back in 2001, to go completely into the Electronic Medical Records (EMR) environment, way before almost any other non-

academic groups made that decision.

"If we hadn't taken the initiative back then, we'd still be waiting today. And despite some glitches, everyone acknowledges that the system has been a great success. We had to borrow the money to do it, but we felt we had no choice. It wasn't in fact funded by the HHHS either."

Mr. Kraulis acknowledged the success of the EMR program, but still had to point out that the HHHS has to be financially prudent. And everyone agreed that difficult decisions will have to be made.

The HHHS will hold its next meeting, which will be the Annual General Meeting, on June 26 in the Fleming College Haliburton Campus Great Hall at 3 p.m., and the general public is welcome. ■



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Eighth Community Forum Held at Minden United Church

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Well-run events take time, effort and great planning before they can be executed.

On Wednesday, May 21 at the Minden United Church, events' planning in Haliburton County was the topic of discussion for the 8th community forum. The forums provide a venue for guest speakers to inform the public about a certain issue or topic, while allowing them to voice their opinions or concerns at the conclusion of the forum.

Bob Smith and Amy Brohm from the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Marketing spoke about the recent bid put in to have the 2010 Ontario Summer Games in Haliburton County.

"The first step was to submit a letter of intent. The second thing was a formal bid submission and we have completed that and submitted it. We've had a response back from the group called Sport Alliance – the group that looks after Ontario games for the province," explained Smith.

From June 1st to 6th, site reviews for those places who have submitted their bids will be conducted. Smith said that on June 4th, Haliburton's site review will be completed.

"It was Bob Nichol and Dennis Casey who brought the idea to the County originally," said Smith. At first, he says many people posed the question, "Can we really do this?" "Is there enough of a sports facility in Haliburton?"

"Once you started to assess what was out there, we then realized Yes we can."

Smith says that when the idea was first proposed to County Council, it was embraced.

Though the County won't be able to hold all of the events right here, Smith says that arrangements have been made with neighbouring communities to do so.

"Through the hard efforts of Dennis Casey there will be a complete County-wide venue. We'll be utilizing facilities from Dorset right through to Cardiff and everything in between. We've made some arrangements with the City of Kawartha Lakes to use rugby fields."

So if the County does get selected to host the games, what will that do for the

community?

"It means quite a bit. As far as putting the County of Haliburton and Haliburton Highlands on the marketplace in the lines of people, the kind of exposure that we can get through television into the GTA area is something that we as a community could never afford to purchase."

He went on to say that the events will bring in approximately 3000 athletes to the community, plus their supporters, officials, family and friends.

Amy Brohm then spoke about just what it is that the Department of Economic Development is responsible for.

"We are responsible for economic development, which includes business retention, expansion and business attraction," said Brohm. "What we really want to do here is provide support

for businesses here that already exist in Haliburton County and establish Haliburton as a destination choice for possible new businesses that can move into the area."

Brohm says that the tourism market has become a very competitive and that there are several factors which affect it.

"Some of these factors we have control of and a lot we don't. We have to work a little extra hard sometimes to get some attention to draw tourists to the area", said Brohm.

"We want to develop relationships with the various ministries such as the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Ontario Investment Service and Ontario Exports," added Smith. "Federal agencies are also utilized. We also want to create a rapport with our local investment realtors."

Also at the forum were Daniela Pagliaro, Minden Hills Cultural Centre Director and Sheryl Loucks, R.D. Lawrence Place Coordinator. The two provided a list of all the upcoming events at each of their venues.

The final guest speaker at the forum was Minden's Director of Community Services/Recreation Supervisor Rick Cox. Cox spoke about various events that the Township of Minden Hills hosts and provided an outline of the many facilities available.

To see what's happening locally, there are a few web sites you can take a look at including: www.mindenhills.ca/events.shtml, www.haliburtoncounty.ca and www.fyihaliburton.com. ■

Events Planning in Haliburton County

Change For Change Funding For Furnishings For New Minden Library Begins With Small Donations Concept

The Voice will be hitting the distribution centres today at about the same time that the ceremonial sod-turning is taking place for the new library in Minden. The new library will be located where the present one is, as part of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre complex on Bobcaygeon Rd. The new 5000 square foot library will replace the small 800 square foot space Minden area residents have been using for years.

The library structure is being built with funds from the Provincial government awarded to the Municipality of Minden Hills. Once the structure is finished at the end of this year, the interior space will need to be furnished with books and shelving, stands, tables, chairs and computers. Additional funds will have to be raised to cover the costs for such items.

Susan Pethick, Vice Chair of the Minden Hills Library Committee says that the committee has several ideas for raising funds for furnishings. "We will be writing letters to local businesses asking for donations, and we'll also campaign outside our community and outside the county. We'll be talking to

but small amounts add up," she says. To start of the fundraising campaign for furnishings, the Library Committee has come up with the concept called Change for Change.

Change for Change is based around the idea of a small, wooden donation box which is constructed in the shape of a book. There is a slot in the top of the box where people can deposit their loose change. The slot will accept coin sizes

from a penny to a toonie. There will be eight boxes in total, and they "will go in local business around Minden, for a total of 6 months," Pethick says.

The boxes have been made by Dave Millington, a local Minden retiree who has been working with wood for many years. The boxes measure eight and a half inches by six-inches; about the size of a hard cover book and they're made from mahogany wood. "The idea," says Pethick "is to rotate the location of the book boxes around the various business in Minden, to keep the idea fresh for people."

The Change for Change book boxes are the start to a fundraising campaign which will see the book theme continued



organizations like computer companies to see if they'd like to donate computers, and we'll be talking to outfits like my former employer Suncor Inc. Suncor sometimes donates grants to former employees for community volunteer work."

Pethick realizes that sometimes donation dollars are spread pretty thin in our community. "People can't always donate large amounts,

with a quilt, which is to hang in the library. The quilt will be fashioned to look like shelves, with books on them. "People donating over \$100 dollars will get their name embroidered on the spine of one of the books in the quilt," Pethick says.

The Library Committee is in for a busy summer. "We'll be setting up a table at the Canada Day festivities in Minden," says Susan Pethick enthusiastically, "so look for us."

The new library will be a great new facility for Minden. It will feature more space for additional books, as well as meeting rooms, and programming for kids and adults. During construction, you might come across one of the Change for Change donation boxes in a location where you shop, and any loose change you care to donate will be much appreciated. Small amounts do add up. ■

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Secondary School Musicians Dazzle Audience



Last Wednesday, May 21, the Haliburton High School's Red Hawk Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble gave their annual spring concert at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The concert band wowed the audience with its full sound and resounding power. With a large horn section, percussion, and even guitar, the band's music resonated beautifully throughout the theatre. The band played a wide variety of pieces which displayed their impressive musical range and abilities. After a short intermission, the jazz ensemble took the stage, and continued the high standard of performance. Although much smaller than the concert band, the jazz ensemble had an equally powerful sound. They played a lot of tunes and had the audience whistling and applauding. An audience favourite was "Evil Ways" by Santana, which the band executed perfectly.

All members of the jazz band were well received, but guitarist J.J. Kerr was particularly popular with the audience. Kerr had several beautiful guitar solos which he played passionately, despite a faltering patch cord. Throughout the evening HHSS music teacher and band conductor Tom Regina entertained the audience with jokes and musical anecdotes between songs. Lasting little more than an hour, the concert was enjoyed by spectators and band members alike.

"I thought that both of the bands were very good," said spectator Adrian Martin. "It's good to see another generation of Haliburton musicians emerge. They are an impressive and talented young group. I can see that they will develop into fine musicians. They did really well this evening, and I congratulate Mr. Regina for finely molding another generation of local young musicians."

"Tonight was a good experience for our bands," said band guitar player Scotty Duggan. "I wasn't sure how the performance would go, but it turned out really well. We enjoyed playing a lot because it's always fun. We had a swell time."

High School Prom to be a Great Romp

Summer is on its way, which means prom is quickly approaching at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

This year's prom promises to be better than ever, with a new "enchanted forest" theme. The big dance is happening at 7:30 p.m. on May 30, at the Delta Pinestone Resort.

The prom is a product of many hours of hard work, done by a four person prom committee. The committee consists of grade 12 students Michelle Neumann, Kristin Nicholson, Victoria Hillier, and Danielle Chvedukas. "We began preparations way back in September," said Chvedukas. "One of the first things we did was to decide what the theme would be. The committee came up with a few different options, like a Dr. Seuss, masquerade, or red carpet theme. The graduating grade 12s voted, and they chose the enchanted forest theme. Dr. Seuss was a close second though." Students have eagerly embraced the forest theme, and one student has even made a camouflage tuxedo.

Prom preparations are going well, with organizers making frequent trips to Peterborough to get decorations and supplies. Each student at prom will be receiving a free glass beer mug, with the words "HHSS Enchanted Forest" inscribed on it. The kitchen staff of the Pinestone will be providing fruit displays and other food items for the evening. "Carey's Flowers and Garden Centre has been very generous," Chvedukas said.

"They've loaned us more than \$2,000 in flowers and trees for the evening. Principal Gary Brohman and June Smith have been also been very supportive."

In preparation for prom, the administration at HHSS recently hosted a "Party in the Right Spirit" day. "It was a day full of workshops and seminars that taught students to be safe on prom night. Nurses and police officers spoke to students about the dangers of drunk driving, alcohol poisoning, substance abuse, and other important issues," Chvedukas said. "For grade 12 students, attendance was mandatory, and if they did not attend the safety seminars they are not allowed to go to prom."

So far, more than 200 prom tickets have been sold. "A lot of people are really excited. Prom is important, because it's a chance for the grade 12s to get together as a graduating class and have fun," Chvedukas said. "It's one of the last times we can get together before we graduate and we all go our separate ways."

On Friday night, a host of grade 11 volunteers will work at prom so that the graduating committee members can enjoy their evening. "We're really looking forward to prom," Chvedukas said. "It's been a lot of hard work for the committee, and now we'll finally be able to enjoy the big night." ■

Pictured are: Prom Committee Members: Kristin Nicholson and Danielle Chvedukas



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40 Years in the Community Bank of Nova Scotia in Wilberforce Celebrates Anniversary

The Bank of Nova Scotia in Wilberforce celebrated its 40th year in the community on Friday, May 23.

To celebrate the big day, coffee and cake was served to customers.

There also were photos and other materials lining the walls to illustrate the bank's long history.

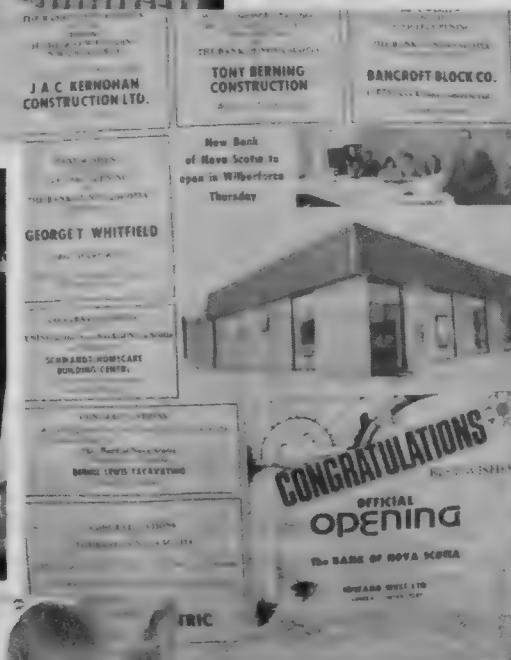
"It's been interesting," said Brenda Berning, a Customer Service Supervisor who has spent the past 29 years at the branch.

Berning said that the bank used to be attached to the Bowes and Cocks building in town when it first opened back on April 1, 1968. It was then moved over to its current location on Essonville line in 1980.

"There is no Scotia Bank in Haliburton, so I drive 25 minutes to come here," said Carolyn Emmerson. Emmerson has been banking at the Wilberforce branch for the past 10 years. "They take good care of us," she said.

Debbie Dunford, the sub-branch Manager at the bank, says she's glad to be a part of such a great branch.

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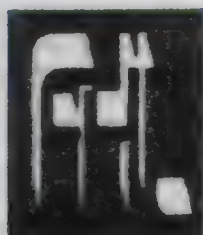
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There are many Highlanders that have been lucky enough to survive, and defeat, cancer. Most of these fortunate people are older citizens, but some of them are very young. One of these young survivors is Haliburton's Chyna Schell. Many of Chyna's friends at the Haliburton Secondary School are familiar with her story, but it is little known elsewhere. Her story of cancer is a sad one, but it's also one of hope and laughter.

One morning in late October, when Chyna was only four years old, she was playing with her father Luke in their living room. Luke watched the morning sunlight hit his daughter's face and he noticed something in her eye that had never seen before. He promptly took her to the Haliburton Hospital, where Dr. Bob Heyes feared the worst. Chyna was immediately sent to the Peterborough Hospital and from there to Sick Kids in Toronto. All the doctors agreed: young Chyna had retinal blastoma. Although this cancer usually affects children of an even younger age, there was no mistaking it in Chyna. The doctors informed Chyna's parents that their daughter's left eye needed to be removed immediately.

As a little four-year-old, Chyna could not understand what was happening. She spent the remainder of the day in various doctor's offices while her mother Shelley held her hand. A few hours after being diagnosed with cancer, Chyna was taken into a hallway. There she saw her entire family. Her sister, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins had all rushed to the hospital. They did their best to smile, look calm, and not upset Chyna. They walked her down the hallway, and then doctors and nurses ushered her into the operating theatre.

When Chyna awoke after the surgery, her left eye was gone. Although she was upset about the surgery, she was more concerned about something else. While she was in the hospital, she had missed Halloween. When Chyna was discharged from Sick Kids a few days later, her parents took her back to Haliburton. Everybody in the village knew her parents, and were aware of Chyna's plight. Although Halloween night had passed, nobody in the Haliburton wanted to deny Chyna the experience after what she had gone through. The night of her return, her parents dressed Chyna in her Halloween princess costume, and they went door to door trick-or-treating. Everybody was expecting her, and she was warmly greeted by all. As a princess with a very bad black eye, Chyna was happy she got her Halloween.

Chyna was fitted with a prosthetic eye, and she lived a childhood devoid of worry. Although young Chyna was fancy-free, her parents most certainly were not. Doctors informed them that the cancer might have been genetic. There was the possibility that Chyna could get bone cancer, and that her sister Quinn could also have retinal blastoma. The parents thus lived a life of worry, terrified that cancer might continue to plague their family. Every six months Chyna and Quinn went for tests and check ups, and doctor's searched for traces of cancer. Then, when Chyna was eight, her parents received a very memorable phone call. The doctors at Sick Kids had confirmed that the cancer was not genetic, and that Chyna and her sister were safe.

Although Chyna was not at further risk of cancer, she underwent multiple surgeries throughout her childhood and teenage years. Some of these forced her to wear an eye patch for months, which was no day in the park for a young school girl. Chyna was fortunate though, because she lived in a small community where all her friends went to the same small school, J.D. Hodgson. She grew up with all her classmates, and Chyna's condition was no big deal for them. "When I first had to do things like wear an eye patch, I was nervous to go to school," Chyna said. "But nobody at the school cared, or made a big deal about it. Everybody just accepted it. When I realized this, I wasn't worried anymore."

Although Chyna only had one eye, she refused to perceive it as a disability. In high school she was one of the most athletic students in her grade. She was an active member of the Red Hawk Snowboarding team, and she was a leader at the Haliburton Dance Arts Studio. As a dancer, Chyna performed in many competitions and festivals throughout high school. Her dedication and skill quickly gained her the reputation as one of the finest dancers in the County.

When Chyna graduated from HHSS two years ago, she was accepted at Algonquin College in Ottawa. Like her father Luke, Chyna decided to pursue a career in photography. "Like so many people about to graduate from high school, I didn't know what I wanted to study in college," Chyna said. "Then one night it came to me. I realized that I wanted to be a photographer. I don't know why I didn't think of it sooner. All my life I've loved photography. When I was eight years old, I used to dress my three year old sister up and take pictures of her. By the time I was 12, I'd already created 55 photo albums." Thus Chyna made what seemed to be a very natural choice, and studied photography at college. She recently graduated from the School of Media Design at Algonquin College. Chyna is now working as a photographer, while also teaching dance part time in Ottawa. "It's great that my dad is also a photographer. He teaches me a lot of stuff, and I can also borrow his expensive equipment for photo-shoots," Chyna laughs.

Chyna will be spending part of the summer in the Highlands, and she plans to attend the Relay for Life. "I think that the event is really important. People need to raise awareness about this awful disease," Chyna says. "I participated in the Relay last year. It was lot of fun, and very beautiful. It went so quickly that I couldn't believe we had been there all night. It was an amazing and inspirational evening." As a cancer survivor, Chyna truly understands the importance of the Relay for Life. "I most certainly did not have the worst cancer experience. I always think that my cancer experience was pretty much the easiest one ever, and yet it was still bad. So many people with cancer have it 20,000 times worse. It's a horrible, horrible, awful disease."



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Cancer is a terrible disease to live with, and one that can make life very difficult. Fortunately there is an organization that Highland citizens can turn to if they are affected by cancer. Haliburton's Community Care seeks to enable seniors and adults with disabilities and/or illnesses to remain independent in their homes. Although the organization addresses a wide variety of disabilities and illnesses, it frequently deals with cancer.

Community Care Haliburton has more than 1000 clients, whom they regularly provide services for. Approximately 20 of their clients are between the ages of 18 and 55. These clients have disabilities, or an illness. There are approximately 800 clients that are older than 55. They are considered seniors, and many have illnesses. Clients are taken care of by a staff of more than 130 volunteers. These volunteers donate their time to Community Care, and receive no payment. They are only reimbursed for gas mileage accumulated while volunteering.

Community Care offers many different services for its clients. One of the most reputable is the transportation service, in which Community Care volunteers drive clients to and from medical appointments. It does not matter where the appointment is, because Community Care makes sure that the clients get to there. "Our drivers often take clients to appointments in Haliburton, Minden, Peterborough, and Toronto. We also make frequent trips to the Princess Margaret Hospital for our cancer patients," said Community Care Executive Director Donna Macdonald. "Last year alone Community Care volunteers provided more than 7000 one-way trips."

Another service that the organization provides is the emergency response programme. The emergency response system plugs into the clients phone, and the client is given a pendant or wristband with a button on it. In the event of an emergency, the client pushed the button, which sends a phone message to Community Care. An emergency contact person, who is usually a close person or friend, is then called. The contact person phones the client, and determines the

nature of the emergency. If the contact doesn't respond, an ambulance is sent.

Community Care Haliburton also offers a 'Meals on Wheels' programme which provides clients with nutritious prepared meals. Community Care provides a variety of different meals, all of which are delicious, and extremely affordable. Clients have the option of picking meals up at the Community Care office, or having them delivered to their home by a volunteer. Preparing meals can be very time consuming and labourious, which makes the Meals on Wheels programme a great boon to those living with an illness or disability.

Community Care offers many different social programmes for its clients. "We provide social events that our clients enjoy, such as dinners," said MacDonald. "We have dinners for our clients at various restaurants, including the Minden Legion, the Martinwood Resort, and the Haliburton Cookhouse. At these events clients get a nutritious meal at a fixed price." Community Care offers many other programmes, including home and yard maintenance, and security checks. There are also programmes in which volunteers provide companionship, visiting clients or talking to them regularly on the phone.

Many of Community Care's clients are affected by various forms of cancer. Realizing the severity of this disease, Community Care is participating in this year's Relay for Life. "Last year some of our employees and volunteers were involved in the Relay," Macdonald says. "This year we're actually entering a team. All of our employees will be on it, and we're encouraging our volunteers to join up."

If a Highland citizen has cancer, or is affected by cancer, Community Care has a great deal to offer them. They provide care, security, comfort, and peace of mind, all in the convenience of the client's home. Cancer is a disease that affects us all, and fortunately there are organizations like Community Care to lend a helping hand. "Who we are, and what we do, is summed up in our motto," said MacDonald. "We're people helping people."

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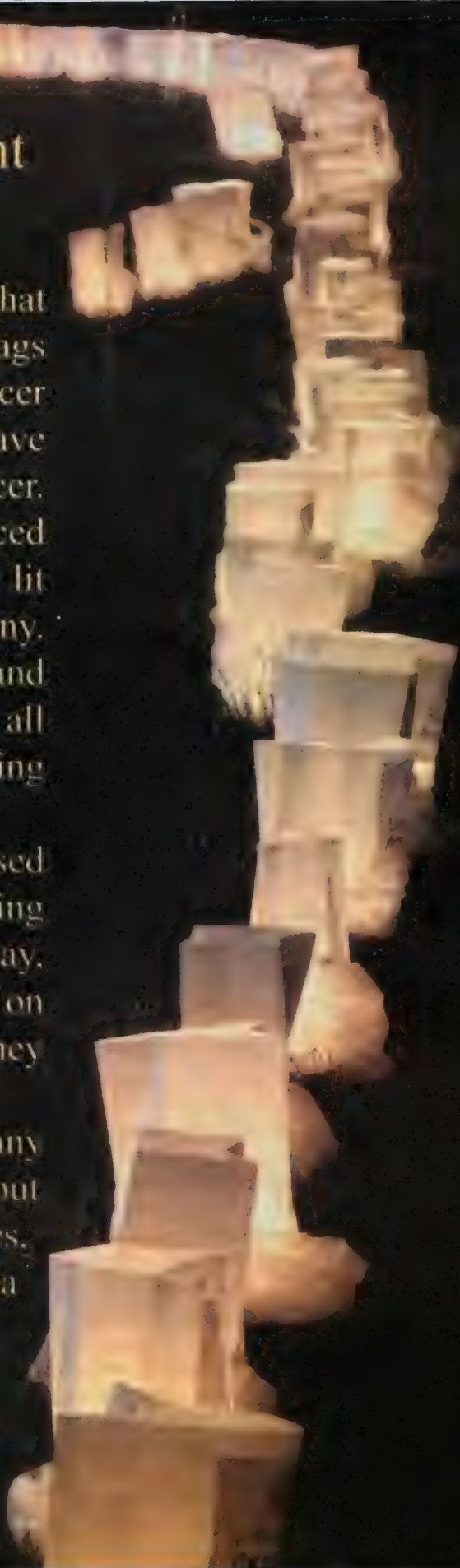
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Luminaries can be purchased before the event by logging on to www.cancer.ca/relay, or they may be purchased on the night of the event. They are five dollars each.

If you would like any further information about purchasing luminaries, please contact Julia Donnelly at 286-1444.

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Living with Cancer – A Warm Place for People

New group offers support

There is an important new group in Haliburton County for cancer survivors and people living with cancer. It's called the Living with Cancer Group, and it provides support for individuals and families dealing with cancer. The group was created last January by SIRCH Community Services and Consulting.

For years there was a cancer support group in the Highlands called the Daffodils. The group ended several years ago, and SIRCH realized a new group needed to be created. Linda May-Powers and Dorothy Owens of SIRCH therefore took a course on group facilitation through the Canada Cancer Society. Last year they created Living with Cancer, and put their new knowledge to use. "The group meets at the Haliburton Hospital on the third Tuesday of every month," May-Powers explains. "It's a place for people with cancer, and cancer survivors, to provide support for each other, and talk about their fears and emotions. A lot of people don't want to listen to people talk about their cancer. It scares them. Everybody at the support groups wants to talk and listen. The group is good because it's all people who have had, or still have, cancer. Nobody can help a person with cancer more than another person with cancer. They can relate, and they know what its like. They know what the chemo treatment, the radiation, and the entire process is about. They let people know that they are not alone."

When the support group began last year, there were only four members. It has now expanded to 14, and it's continuously growing. Some people believe that support groups are attended by women only, but a significant percentage of the Living with Cancer Group are men. The support group also values privacy and confidentiality. "There are a set of rules that participants agree to follow. They do not discuss details about the support group with other people, and they do not say who attends the meetings. It's strictly confidential. If you attend the group, nobody needs to know about it," says May-Powers.

Although the group primarily emotional provides support for its members, there is also an educational aspect. "We sometimes have seminars, and occasionally people come and talk to the group about things like nutrition. People with cancer often need to adjust their diet, and they need to know how to properly do so."

May-Powers said there is a great deal of joy at the Living with Cancer Group. "The group is about camaraderie, support, sharing, and laughing," May-Powers explains. "Talking about their cancer can really help people live a good quality of life."

SIRCH's Linda May-Powers and Dorothy Owens will be participating in this year's Relay for Life, alongside some of the Living with Cancer Group members. Scheduling and other issues have prevented SIRCH from entering a team, but they will have a table at the event. "We plan to come out and support the walkers, especially cancer survivors, and those with cancer," May-Powers says. "We may not be able to enter a team, but we'll make desserts or something enjoyable for the participants. We realize that the relay is very important, because cancer research is crucial."



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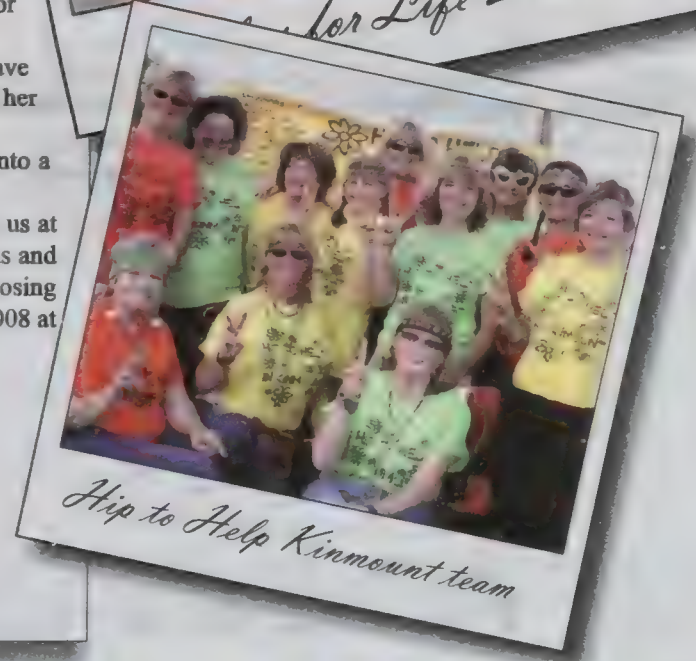
Cancer does not sleep. This is why the relay goes on over a twelve hour period from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. in honour of the many people who fight this battle all day, everyday. The 12 hours will be full of activities, music and most of all love and friendship for the people who most deserve our support. The one thing that hadn't occurred to us on the committee last year was how this event would affect some of the participants. We received many notes and we thank each of you who took the time to send them. We received a beautiful short note from a person who probably doesn't know but she brought tears to our eyes as we read it. We would like to share it with you so that you too can see that there are more reasons than money for this event to take place. We need this event for our friends and families in our community.

The 15th of June has been a day of sorrow because my mom died on that day in 1993, and since that year I have dreaded June 15th. I had wondered how I would be able to participate in the Relay and light the luminary with her name written on it but I did it with my kids beside me, and it was beautiful. I wanted to say THANK YOU. :-). It was inspirational and the relay turned this year into a celebration for me and my family.

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Patient News Eagerly Embracing the Relay for Life

As the Relay for Life evening quickly approaches, many Highland businesses are furiously gathering funds and registering teams. One local company that is particularly enthused about the event is Haliburton's Patient News Publishing. Last year the company entered one 12-person team -- this year they're entering two, and perhaps even three teams.

Unlike most teams entered by local businesses, Patient News's includes many children. In fact, one of the teams that they're entering this year is entirely kids. The kids are all children of Patient News employees, who are eager to involve their young.

"The children are young, so they may not be able to stay up all night, or complete the event, but it's important to involve them in the experience," said Amanda Schwartz, who is captain of the Patient News Relay team. "We believe that kids should learn about the cause, and the fight against cancer."

Patient News is doing a lot more than just registering teams for the Relay. All employees are being encouraged

to bring items that they wish to sell to the Patient News building, where they will host a huge yard sale and barbeque on May 31. Proceeds from the event will be donated the Relay for Life charity. Teddy Time, Ski-Mazing, and other local businesses have donated items to the sale. There will also be an auction and a raffle draw for skiing lessons. The yard sale was a huge success last year, raising hundreds of dollars for the fundraiser. This year Patient News wants to do even more to raise funds for the Relay, so they are hosting a charity volleyball tournament on May 31. All Highlands businesses and individuals are invited to enter a team, and compete in the event. Teams should consist of six people, but smaller teams will be accepted. It costs \$50 per team to register, and all proceeds will be going to the relay. The volleyball tournament will be held on the beautiful lakeside court beside the Patient News building in Haliburton.

Patient News is also publishing a book of children's activities, which will be for sale at the yard sale. The

book has been written by local Patient News employees, and published at the Haliburton location. It's full of great ideas to keep young children occupied during the summer and on rainy days. It features craft ideas, car ride games, fun recipes, and much more. The book will be on sale for \$5, and all proceeds will be donated to the Relay for Life.

"We have a local staff of over 80 people at Patient News," Schwartz said. "Although everybody isn't walking in the Relay, almost everybody is involved in the event in one way or another. They've either contributed to the book, will be selling stuff in the yard sale, or will be playing on the Patient News volleyball team. Everybody here is excited to be a part of the Relay for Life. People are also really excited for the volleyball tournament. Patient News challenges people to come and try to beat our team on our home turf." If people would like to enter a volleyball team, or learn more about Patient News's Relay for Life campaign, they can call Carrie Hirst at 457-4030 ex. 265. □

Cottage Dreams to Benefit from Shop and Dine Program

American Express Cardmembers Can Help Raise up to \$50,000 for Cottage Dreams Cancer Recovery Initiative

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"Many of our Cardmembers head up north to cottage country over the summer, and this is an excellent opportunity to get them involved in a very worthwhile cause," said Tracey Szczur, Director of Merchant Services Marketing, American Express. "The great thing about Cottage Dreams is that it really brings the community together to support cancer survivors."

American Express Cardmembers can use their Cards at over 70 participating merchants in Bracebridge, Huntsville, Port Carling, Gravenhurst and Haliburton to help benefit Cottage Dreams.

"A program like this brings together merchants and Cardmembers and gives them the ability to make a direct impact on the lives of those who together have come through cancer treatment," said Seana O'Neill, Founder and President, Cottage Dreams. "Because of the enormous impact cancer has both emotionally and financially, time away at the lake allows the family to relax, reconnect and have some much needed fun. Each time an Amex card is used, it helps us make more cottage dreams come true."

For a full list of participating merchants or for more details on the American Express campaign, visit www.cottagedreams.org/news/americanexpress.

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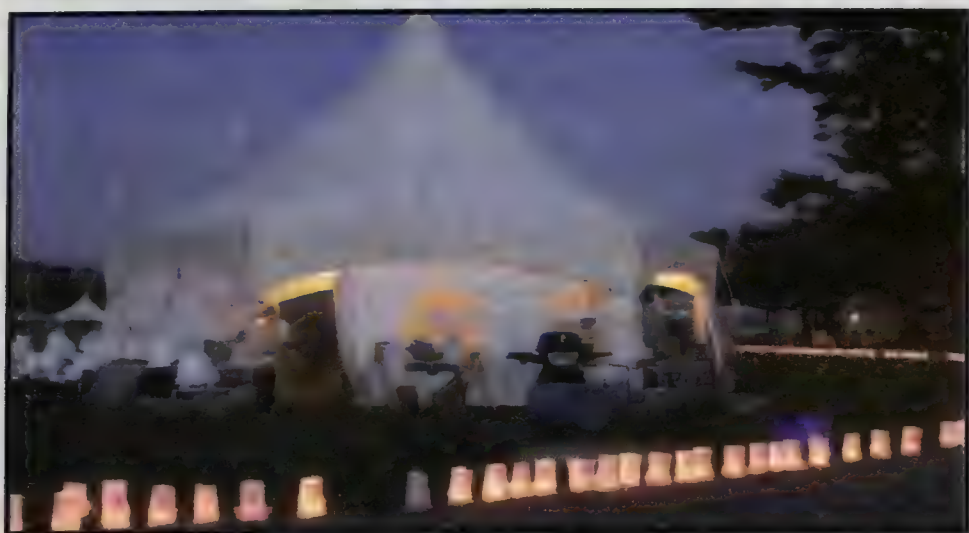
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And The Wall Comes Tumbling Down Health Unit Helps Local Tobacco Vendors Comply with New Display Ban

The law of the land is changing, and nowhere will this be more noticeable than in stores that sell tobacco products.

As of May 31, which is World No-Tobacco Day, new regulations mean tobacco products must be completely removed from public view in store displays across Ontario. This includes tobacco 'power walls,' a common fixture in many stores used to prominently display cigarette packages and other tobacco products.

In recent months, tobacco control staff with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit have been working to educate store owners and staff in the area about the tobacco display ban and how it will affect their businesses. Health Unit staff have done one-on-one visits with most tobacco retailers in the area, mailed out information packages for storeowners and organized workshops on the changes. Under the new section of the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, tobacco products must be hidden at all times from customers, except at the point of sale when the store employee can briefly get out a cigarette pack for a purchaser.

While the ban will affect stores, it will have a positive impact over the long run, according to a Health Unit official.

"The tobacco display ban is a major leap forward in protecting people from the dangers of smoking because it will help reduce impulse buying of cigarettes," says Anne-Marie Cyr, Tobacco and Cancer Prevention Programs Manager with the HKPR District Health Unit.

She notes many people do not realize that tobacco companies pay retailers thousands of dollars to have their products displayed in highly-visible locations. This makes cigarettes appear to be more popular than they are, especially in the minds of young children and teenagers who see these displays in stores, Cyr adds.

"Tobacco power walls can send a strong message, and the tobacco industry knows this is crucial for luring ex-smokers and the next generation of customers," she adds. "By removing the prominence of tobacco products, we reflect the fact that the vast majority of people do not see a benefit in buying a product that will eventually kill its users."

Ontario is not the first Canadian province to ban the display of tobacco product in stores. Cyr points to Saskatchewan's successful experience in banning tobacco displays as evidence it can work here. In Saskatchewan, most retailers are complying with the ban with minimal cost and impact on their businesses. The ban has also drawn considerable public support.

For more information on the tobacco product display ban, call the local Health Unit or visit www.hkpr.on.ca. For information on how to quit smoking programs, or the dangers associated with tobacco use, please see the Canadian Cancer Society website at www.cancer.ca.



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Celebrate Recovery

'Be Changed'

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

Taking 12 Steps to 'Celebrate Recovery' in Haliburton County

Are you looking to turn your life around in a new direction? Want to talk to someone who will understand?

Celebrate Recovery is the Christ-centered, "large umbrella" recovery program in Haliburton County that is available for those who want to overcome their hurts, habits and hang-ups. The program is free and completely confidential.

Locally, the Celebrate Recovery program was started back in October of 2006 by a small group of individuals primarily from Lakeside Baptist Church. However, the program was originally founded in 1991 by Pastor John Baker of Saddleback Church in California. The recovery program has now grown over the years to become a global-wide initiative. Colleen, one of the local leaders at Celebrate Recovery, explained how the program first came to be in the County.

"Pastors from Haliburton County went to a seminar in California at Saddleback Church and Pastor Brian Plouffe of Lakeside and his wife Diane were there. His wife came back and was very excited about the program," said Colleen.

Shortly thereafter, a small group of local people got together and decided to complete the Celebrate Recovery Leader's Training. This included completing the 12 steps of the Celebrate Recovery program. Colleen was one of them.

"It is a 12-step program similar to AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) with two major differences. First and foremost, it's a Christ-centered recovery program. Our higher power is Jesus Christ and we make no apologies for that. And with Celebrate Recovery, it covers all of the addictions like pornography, food addictions, gambling, shopping, smoking..." she said. Vassos also points out that the program deals with emotional stresses that people face while battling their issues and addictions.

Included with the 12-steps are eight recovery principles. The two areas of the program teach participants to come to terms with the fact that their addictions have gained control over their lives. These steps also place a strong emphasis on God and letting the higher power intervene during difficult times.

To ensure a safe and productive environment, the group has five guidelines that are followed at every meeting, every week. Some of these rules include no-cross talking and no offensive language while sharing personal stories. Anonymity and confidentiality are also extremely important to the success of the program.

"The guidelines are critical," said Colleen. "Particularly being in a small town, everybody knows everybody and people need to feel safe. The guidelines are essential and we need to stick by them."

It is important to note that Celebrate Recovery leaders are not counselors. Rather, it's their desire to facilitate the healing power of Jesus Christ in people's lives by leading them through the program.

In following through with the steps, the program is intended to let people find peace, serenity and joy, while they build stronger personal relationships with God and others around them.

With Celebrate Recovery, the doors are always open to anyone who has an interest in the program. Celebrate Recovery is inclusive and provides a safe and friendly atmosphere for people to gather in and be open about their

feelings.

"The ministry itself is truly a community ministry. It's for those who don't go to church, for those who do go to church, it doesn't matter what their religion is. It's truly an outreach ministry for everyone in the community."

According to a Celebrate Recovery pamphlet, the program allows people to learn to take hold of the freedom Christ has purchased for them. In turn, they become free from the hurts of the past and from addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behaviours.

Currently, the group and its participants meet every Monday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at Lakeside Baptist Church. The evening is comprised of live music, a teaching/testimony period, open share groups, and snacks and fellowship are offered at the end of the night.

In addition to the core leaders who run these meetings, there are many other regular volunteers who help make things happen behind the scenes.

"There are many volunteers that come out on a Monday night. Without them we couldn't make it happen. We have set-up and tear-down people, we have greeters, we have people who prepare the food, we have a prayer team and a very large worship team. This is a large group of volunteers who are integral to the success of Celebrate Recovery."

For the first time in the area, Celebrate Recovery will be hosting a free community barbeque at Lakeside Baptist Church on Monday, June 9 starting at 5:30 p.m.

"We haven't done this before but it's something we want to do. In Saddleback they do this on a regular basis. We're going to try to make this more of a regular event throughout the course of the summer. The purpose of this is to get people to experience Celebrate Recovery. We'll have some food and fun together before we start at 7 PM."

The barbeque is open to everyone regardless of age. Following the free fun there will be an information meeting for adults only.

"They'll be able to learn about the program and see what's it's all about. They can see if it's something that they'd be open to doing."

For those who might think that Celebrate Recovery is going to leave them in a vulnerable position, Colleen said she can relate.

"I can identify because in Celebrate Recovery you are vulnerable. It's a great step of faith to come. You don't know what to expect from the program, you don't know who is going to be there. You might know somebody that is there. There is power

in that vulnerability. It's when we bring our secrets into the light when the healing can start. It's about taking that step of faith and saying, 'Yes, I will do this,'" said Colleen.

Whether you are considering becoming a participant or are looking for information, the group encourages you come out to a weekly newcomers meeting on Monday's at 7 p.m. at Lakeside Baptist Church. Also, make sure to visit that free barbeque for some tasty food and some good conversation. For more information contact Lakeside Baptist Church at 705-457-2851 or email: crlakeside@gmail.com. ■

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How Much is Too Much Noise?

Residents complain about "unacceptable" noise

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

This week the Highlands East Council was faced with trying to resolve what may be an impossible situation. Residents from four households living adjacent to the Wilberforce Foodland and LCBO registered a complaint about "unacceptable" noise during early morning hours but the Council is in a quandary about how to solve the problem. In the end, they may even decide it is not their problem to resolve.

Craig Bowker made a formal appeal to Council at their meeting on Tuesday. On behalf of the four families, Bowker spoke of increasing levels of commercial activity and noise that they say are occurring at unusual and unacceptable hours. The noise is a result of delivery trucks during very early morning hours which result in the sounds of diesel tractor trailers, reverse beeper alarms, air brakes, a propane powered forklift, slamming of metal doors, stacking of crates, compressors and refrigerator units.

Bowker said, "We're all certain that there have been many violations of the noise by-law, particularly between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Numerous occurrences have caused us to be awakened throughout the night which is very hard for two working people with small children."

According to Bowker the residents are aware of the details of the noise by-law which does allow for necessary noise during the course of normal business hours, but says that on numerous occasions there has been excessive noise outside of the times allowed in the by-law. He said, "There is no intent on our part to cause any legal or financial penalty to the owner of the building. We're simply seeking a productive and effective solution to an ongoing problem."

Bowker said that attempts to resolve the problem have been made with the owner. He also said that owner had taken measures to try to reschedule deliveries within the hours outlined in the by-law, but the owner says he has little influence on the companies that make the deliveries. According to Bowker the owner, while demonstrating a

willingness to resolve the problem, seems to feel he has done all he is able to do.

"The heart of the matter is zoning," said Bowker, adding, "It's inappropriate for residents to be immediately adjacent to this type of building without a buffer. Bowker maintained that when the building was first constructed the potential for noise was addressed

environmentally friendly (and quiet) electric forklift, to restrict delivery route boundaries and post signage at the roadway entrance to the shipping area stating "residential area, no commercial trucks permitted" with hours posted and finally by enforcing the noise by-law.

Councillor Gary Stoughton was the first to respond, saying that the store had been in existence for 30 years and that Bowker had been aware of the business when he chose to move to Wilberforce. Neither Stoughton nor CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig were aware of any commitment to install a buffer. Stoughton also commented that it was a legal requirement for trucks to have back-up alarms and Bowker responded that the back-alarmers were acceptable but that the duration of the noise was excessive, far exceeded the allowable time of 5 minutes and way too early in the morning. Bowker also recognized the value of the store in the community but continued to maintain that the Municipality had a zoning problem.

Stoughton suggested that if the trucks were arriving too early there was a violation of the by-law which should be investigated by the By-Law Enforcement Officer. However, the CAO advised that the By-Law Officer had done an inspection, carefully checking times and no infractions had been identified. Bowker argued the point, saying that deliveries had been made at 5:15 two days over the past week and even earlier on another day.

Council reviewed the various clauses of the by-law which does allow for noise that results from the basic function of a vehicle including back-up alarms, heat exchange and refrigeration systems. Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie said, "I have reviewed the by-law at least three times and can't see any infractions. As to replacing the forklift, an outdoor forklift is required to achieve unloading." Mackie added that installing a mature line of cedar trees would cost a fortune.

Mackie also commented that he felt this may be an issue that had to be resolved by the parties involved and the costs shared equally among them, but Councillor Donna Graham suggested that the store owner had done everything he could to resolve the problem.

Stoughton suggested that the cost of installing a hedge would have to be shared if the Municipality decided to proceed with Bowker's suggestion. He added, "We have to resolve this problem or there won't be a business there if this keeps up."

Everyone in the room wanted to reach a solution to the problem without causing undue difficulties for the owner of the store, but CAO Stoughton-Craig reminded Council that they were prohibited from doing any work for a private enterprise and that it would set a dangerous precedent.

In the end Council seemed at an impasse and Reeve Dave Burton finally said, "This will not be solved today. Council will give the matter further consideration and get back to you." ■

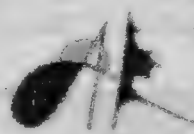


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by the Reeve of the day who acknowledged at the time that a buffer might be necessary in the future.

Bowker then made some recommendations for Council's consideration. He said that he felt the most reasonable way to curb the noise was for the Municipality to supply and install a line of mature cedars. He suggested this could be accomplished utilizing Municipal equipment and transplanting trees from other municipal lands.

Other suggested solutions in the written submission to Council included installing a fence at the rear of the commercial lot line at a height and material/design composition so as to defray sound, to require that the propane powered forklift be replaced with an



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Above Right: Olivia Johnson

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Tyson Farrell
County Voice

Last Thursday May 22nd the Haliburton Ontario Early Years Centre hosted Kindergarten Visit Day. The day was designed to prepare parents and children for their first year of school.

"When we went to kindergarten years ago, our parents sent us there realizing that we would learn everything we needed to know at school. It used to be a place where you could just send the kids, and they'd learn it all. It's changed a lot over the last couple of years though. Now children need to know more before entering kindergarten then they used to," said Early Literacy Specialist Bev Jackson. "A recent study has shown that children who learn basic math, literacy, and attention skills before they enter kindergarten are more likely to be academically successful. Today we're going to try to teach parents the things they need to know."

Although the day was primarily designed to inform parents, there were activities for the young children to enjoy. The activities, which included setting a dinner table, playing with water and soil, and memorizing vital personal information, were fun for the youngsters, and extremely educational. "We're teaching the children stuff that they need to know. Setting a table may seem simplistic, but it teaches the children basic life skills, while also teaching them simple patterns. This helps to develop their math skills," said Lead Early Learning Program Staff Supervisor Stephanie Black.

Parents and children certainly had a day full of information. There was a video presentation about bus safety, and a lecture by a public health dietitian. Point in Time staff also addressed the parents, and there was even a session about properly securing child booster seats. After the information sessions, parents and children boarded a school bus and travelled across town to Stuart Baker Elementary School. There they were greeted by the principal, and given a tour of the building.

They visited Mrs. Perecko and Mrs. Lapierre's kindergarten classes so they would know exactly what to expect. After their tour of the school, the parents and children returned to the Ontario Early Year's Centre, where they received a free lunch, and a complimentary "Welcome to Kindergarten" package. By the end of the day, parents and children had received a vast amount of information about kindergarten.

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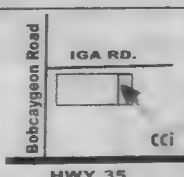
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Ground Hog Spotted High Up a Tree

Haliburton residents Adrian Martin and Nicole Rallis were strolling down West Guilford's Barry Line Saturday morning when they spotted a large ground hog. The ground dwelling mammal ran across the road in front of them, and to Adrian and Nicole's shock, it began to scramble up the trunk of a large white pine. "It didn't make sense," said Adrian. "Ground hogs obviously aren't meant to be up a tree, but this hog managed to drag himself up one." Adrian photographed the hog while it sat on a branch several metres above the ground. Conveniently, Adrian's father Barry Martin is a retired Ministry of Natural Resources employee, and he was nearby. Barry was equally surprised to see the portly animal up a tree, saying that it was a rare occurrence. ■



Plants By The Caseloads Annual Sale Held At The Village Green



Some people lined up for up to an hour to get their hands on the 600 plants that were up for grabs on Saturday, May 24 in Minden at the village green during the Minden & District Horticultural Society's annual plant sale. Over \$1000 worth of plants were sold.

"It's the biggest sale we've had," said Jessie Geall, a member of the group. The event was held to raise money for the horticultural society to assist them with the costs of their work they do. All plants were provided by members of the organization.

"With that money we do ongoing work in the town. We plant flowers all over town," said Geall.

The group works with Grade 3 students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School each spring to plant a Three Sisters Garden at the Minden Museum. Members of the group also plant and maintain flower beds along the riverbank, barrels and planters on Main Street and at the heritage gardens of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Rose Lea Paliwoda, another member of the group, has attended the annual sale for the past six years. She agrees that every year the event has been a success.

"It's always been popular," said Paliwoda.

To see what the group has coming up in the future, visit their web site at www.gardenontario.org/site.php/minden. ■



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A Year To Remember

Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre Holds Annual Meeting

Since the Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre opened in Haliburton two years ago, it has gained recognition quickly for its impact in the community.

This past Monday at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) the board of directors held their third annual general meeting to review the past year's activities and accomplishments.

The Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre is a place that provides resources, advice and assistance to those who are pregnant or might think that they're pregnant. Their services are completely free and confidential.

Since the centre first opened they've seen 52 different individuals making for a total of 170 different client visits. In the report issued by Julie Goodwin, Executive Director of the Centre, several statistics from the past year were highlighted.

For example, during 2007 23 new client files were opened with a total of 78 client visits taking place. Since that time 17 pregnancy tests were performed, with four being positive and 13 negative. Goodwin says that six babies have been born to clients of the centre.

"What a joy that is, to know that we've had a small part in helping," said Goodwin.

An integral part of the centre is its volunteers. Goodwin spoke of their importance at the meeting.

"At the present time we have 13 ladies who are just a real joy to work with. We have a great time of fellowship when they're in the centre," she said. "We truly can call each other friends and that has been one of the highlights at the centre." These volunteers have put in over 1600 hours so far.

In Goodwin's report, she outlines what the mission of the centre exactly is.

"The mission of an Evangelical Pregnancy Centre encompasses much more than reducing community abortion rates. Our pregnancy centres exist to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed with women and men who face a wide range of pregnancy and abortion related issues. As Christians, we are called to speak life into many different situations and to care for people with many different needs."

Geri Woudstra, Board Chair/Treasurer, spoke about some of the fundraisers the group has held over the past year. These included: the Baby Bottle Campaign, the Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Fundraiser and sales of flashy stars at the annual Midnight Madness. The most successful fundraiser of all three was the bottle campaign which brought in over \$6,200 for the centre.

Also at the meeting to talk about the work that community pregnancy care centres provide was Reverend Neville Cowan of the Talbot Creek Community Church in Brechin, Ontario. Cowan was one of the first major supporters of the centre when it first opened.

"Pregnancy care centres are about helping hurting people because we have the passion of Christ in us," said Cowan. The reverend also says that these centres have played a big role in his life for a long time.

"It's a joy for us as a congregation to be able to support you," he added.

To contact the Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre, visit their web site at www.haliburtonpregnancycentre.ca.

Highlands East Council

Getting the Best Bang for your Buck

The Highlands East Council got a break this week when they reviewed the tender submissions for their Houston Road reconstruction project. Compared to the original estimates for the project and the other bids received, Royel Paving's price of \$346,354 will mean in excess of \$256,000 will remain in the budget for other road works this summer.

Several Council members voiced their concern about the considerable differences in tendered prices. This can often be an indication that a company has failed to take everything into account during the bidding process or that they may not have the expertise to do a particular job.

In response to Council's questions Road Superintendent Barry Dunford explained that the savings were primarily due to the successful contractor's plan to have a crusher located right at the construction site. This will allow the contractor to utilize blasted material on site rather than hauling it away and having to haul crushed material back to the project. Dunford advised Council that \$52,000 will also be spent on surface treatment which had been tendered separately for the Houston Road project.

In considering how the remainder of the funds should be spent Dunford said that, due to high levels of traffic, the 10th Concession (Ursa Road) requires the most maintenance of any road in the Municipality. He suggested pricing out ditching, blasting and the supply and application of gravel and surface treatment for Ursa Road. Dunford commented that there might be an opportunity for further cost savings if Royel Paving is used for what might basically become an extension of their project.

Dunford also referred to an issue raised at the previous Council meeting about a culvert that had washed out on Donroy Road and culverts that need replacement on Rock Lake Rd. Dunford had voiced concern at the time that the Municipality would be required to do bridge replacements instead of being able to install new culverts. Dunford advised Council that the Ministry of Oceans & Fisheries has authorized the culvert replacements.

Dunford provided a very preliminary estimate that the culvert replacements would cost approximately \$45,000.

Council agreed with Dunford's plan and authorized him to get quotations for the additional work.

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Police Reports

Search Warrant Executed

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment along with members of the O.P.P.'s Drug Enforcement Section executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act search warrant yesterday at 1627 Rackety Trail Road in the Township of Minden Hills.

Officers seized a quantity of cocaine powder, crack cocaine, hashish, hashish oil, oxycodone and a quantity of cash. The seized drugs are valued at \$8000.

As a result of the investigation Daniel Green 28 years of 1627 Rackety Trail has been charged with three counts of Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking X 3 contrary to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, Possession of Cannabis Contrary to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5000.00 contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada.

Mr. Green will be appearing in Minden court on July 2, 2008 in relation to the charges.

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Longfellow once said, "The best thing one can do when it's raining is to let it rain."

But Longfellow never ran the high hurdles on a grease-slicked tartan surface facing into the yowling maw of a full-blown Lake Ontario squall.

The 34 high school track and field teams gathered in Belleville for the annual Central Ontario Secondary Schools Association (COSSA) track meet know, unlike Harvard's bard, that the best thing one can do when it's storming is take cover and try not to let the cold, the wind and the pelting rain drive a gnarly hole in your psyche.

Athletes prepare all season long for the regional finals. Some have golden aspirations. But most of these young athletes come to the meet with one thing in mind. The vaunted PB or personal best.

And sometimes, like last Thursday at the beautiful state-of-the-art Bruce Faulds complex, the gods simply conspire to throw a wrench into the mechanism. The Luddites taught us all we need to know about the havoc generated by one well placed wrench. When the machine grinds to a halt, well, that's when training, practice, mindset and an innate ability to refocus on new goals jumps to center stage.

And so it was left to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) coaches' Walter Tose, Paul Morissette and Karen Gervais to gather the 38 Red Hawk athletes together before the meet and attempt to provide them with the best strategy for coping in the face of the adverse weather.

"The weather was really awful," said Tose, who added that in spite of the day, the Red Hawk track team showed their mettle qualifying 20 of their 38 COSSA athletes for this week's East Regional finals being run today and tomorrow at Ottawa's Terry Fox Track facility. Tose said that the coaches simply tried to let the athletes know that it was the same for all of the competitors. "This was a challenge for everyone," said Tose, who added that the coaches were very pleased with the way the Red Hawk team responded.

"It was a cold, windy, rainy day," said Tose. "The wind was especially hard on the hurdlers who had to run into a very stiff and blustery head wind, and the rain and blustery wind impacted on the throwers as well. In fact all of the times in the running events were affected by the strong wind."

The Haliburton team placed seventh in the team portion of the event. Peterborough's Crestwood Secondary School placed first, East Northumberland High from

Brighton was second and Belleville's Quinte Secondary captured bronze in the team category.

Once again, Double A Haliburton placed very strong against a field stacked with a large number of Triple A schools. Athletes finishing fifth or better in their events earned the right to move on to the East Regional finals at Terry Fox. Tose said that the athletes will be billeted at Carleton University located about 3 kilometers from the Terry Fox facility.

Junior phenom Drew Paul ignored the adverse weather and came through with another outstanding performance in the hurdles. "The hurdlers don't have a great track to train on here at home and that puts them at a disadvantage, but Drew ran two great races," said Tose.

Paul won gold in the 100-meter hurdles notching a time of 16:55 and followed that up with another gold in the 300 hurdles with a time of 42.43. Paul also qualified for East Regional in the 200-meter dash with a fifth place finish. He will also be running in the 4x400 Meter Relay. The boy's 4X400 team qualified in 3:47.54 for a fourth place finish.

The Red Hawk women's 4x400 Meter Relay qualified for East Regional with a fourth place finish in 4:30.95 seconds. The senior women's 4x100 Meter Relay team also moved on with a 54.20 fourth place clocking.

Jeff Fennell won gold in the senior boys' Pole Vault with a jump of 3.10 meters. Madison Rallis popped over the bar at 2.63 meters to capture silver in the senior boys Pole Vault. Brandon Yake won bronze in the midget boys' Pole Vault with a leap of 2.21 meters.

Tose said that scheduling difficulties with the pole vault event will force Yake, Rallis and Fennell to compete at an alternate site for their East Regional qualifying round. The three vaulters will not be going with the team to Ottawa, because the Terry Fox track organizers were not able to



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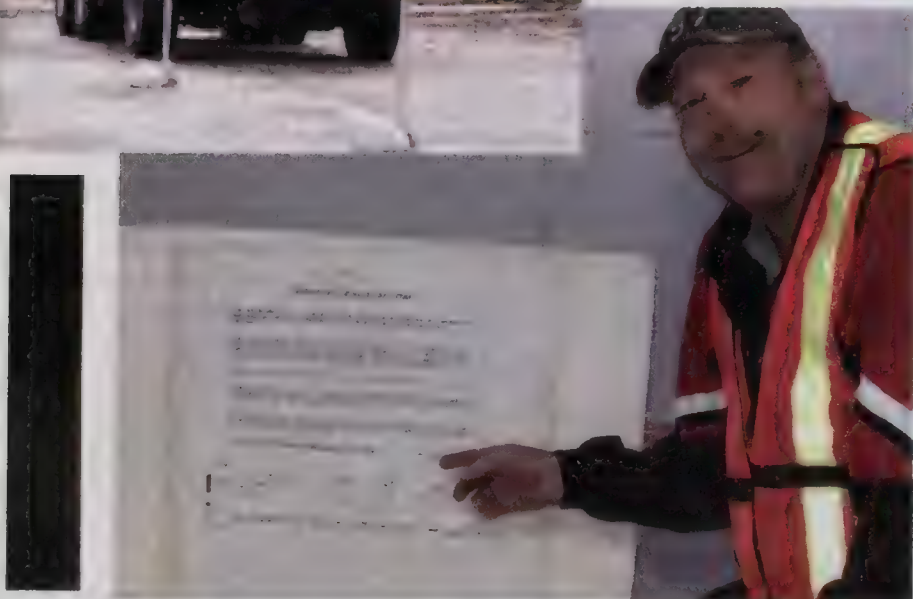
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A total of sixteen participants from the County and the four Municipality Roads Departments maneuvered Sterling tandem dump trucks through two tracks and also completed a written test in the competition. Following the Rodeo, Ground Force Training presented a training session on air brakes for roads employees.

"Our hope is that it's fun and educational. It's a driver refresher," said Brian Whetstone, President of the Association of Roads Superintendents.

Kevin Fairey, from the County of Haliburton, was the winner of the event and will represent the County at the Provincial Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors competition this fall in Waterloo. ■

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provide the pole vault venue at the East Regional event.

Instead, they competed in the East Regional Pole Vault playdowns on Tuesday (May 27) at Thousand Islands Secondary School in Brockville. Tose explained that Red Hawk hockey coach Ron Yake took the pole vault competitors, including son Brandon, to the event.

In other results, Marcie Dick captured the silver in the Girls' Midget 300-Meter Hurdles with a clocking of 51.93 seconds. Keaton Gadway also captured silver with a throw of 43.59 meters in the boys' junior Discus Throw. Matt Rae will also be moving on in boys' junior Discus after his final throw of 40.97 meters nailed down a fourth place finish at the COSSA meet. Tose says he was happy to see both throwers advance, especially in the face of the challenging weather in Belleville.

Christianna Walker doubled up with bronze medals in the Girls' 100-Meter and 400-Meter Senior Hurdles. She clocked a time of 16.58 in the 100 and finished in 1:12.15 in the 400. Zane Zondervan also won a bronze medal with a 30.31 meter throw in the midget boys discus. Senior Emily Turner captured bronze in the 1500-Meters with a time of 5:02.11. She also qualified for East Regional in the girls' 800-Meter finishing fourth in 2:30.08.

Ian Bottum will be heading to Ottawa as well after placing fifth in the midget 300-meter hurdles with a time of 48.42. Brandi Jessop was fifth in the senior women's 100-Meter hurdles in 16.78. Cody Pringle qualified with a fifth place finish in the girls' senior 100-Meter dash with a 13.88 clocking. Tanisha Holmes placed fifth to qualify for OFSAA in the senior women's Triple Jump with a leap of 9.29 meters. Tose said that Ian Sachs was not able to compete in the COSSA event because of prior summer work placement scheduling conflicts, but he will be going with the team to Ottawa as part of the relay.

The competition only gets tougher as the teams advance further up the rung of regional track events.

Red Hawk athletes who manage to qualify through the East Regional meet in Ottawa will move on to the final meet of the season, the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations' (OFSAA) track and field finals slated at Hamilton's Mohawk Park, June 5-7.

"It looks like the weather is going to be nicer this week (in Ottawa) and I think we have a few athletes who have a very good chance at moving on to OFSAA," said Tose. ■

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Haliburton Senior Girls Host Kawartha Soccer Finals

Red Hawks Fall to Holy Cross Hurricanes

The Holy Cross Hurricanes dominated all competition on the way to capturing their second consecutive Senior Girls Kawartha AA Soccer crown last Tuesday.

Most of the Hurricane players supplement their high school footy travails with stints in the Peterborough summer recreational league. That experience in early developmental soccer leagues was evinced by their on-field presence. Displaying a confident, ball control game, the Hurricanes defeated host Haliburton High Red Hawks 8-nil in the early morning contest.

Later, in the afternoon final on the Haliburton Pitch, the

Hurricanes easily dispatched Cobourg West by a 5 to nil score. Cobourg West Vikings beat Adam Scott 5-nil in another mid-morning clash to advance to the Kawartha Final.

Holy Cross dominated in all facets of the game in both of their contests.

"I've been coaching the senior girls' team for 10 years now," said Hurricane coach Chris Clarke after the final last Tuesday afternoon. "The girls played really well today."

He also coaches in the Peterborough 'Rep' League during the summer. "A lot of these girls have been playing soccer for a long time," said Clarke.

The Hurricanes will be moving on to COSSA next week and then they hope to repeat with a return visit to the OFSAA Tournament this year.

The Red Hawks ended their season with the disappointing loss, but they refused to quit.

The cold, blustery conditions gave a distinct advantage to the Hurricanes, whose smooth play back, ball control tactics were augmented by a quick hitting counter-punching attack. In truth, all of the Holy Cross front line were

tangibly cat-quick, all moved to the ball with confidence and they were all more than willing to play the ball back when the through ball wasn't obvious.

The entire Hurricane forward contingent also possessed strong and well-directed kicking abilities. They used their flawless kicking to great advantage on several corners, scoring on two of those opportunities.

Striker Sam Braithwaite powered the Hurricanes with three goals. Holy Cross held the wind advantage in the first half and moved into a prepossessing 6-0 lead as teams went to the break.

The second half played out a little better for the Red Hawks who actually carried the bulk of the play in the early section of the second frame.

However, despite the pressure, Haliburton could not translate that advantage to any tangible tries for goal. A lot of Haliburton play was concentrated in the midfield area, with crosses and forward balls being picked up by a very savvy group of defenders in the Hurricane backfield.

The Hurricanes' experience in the backfield coupled with their very strong back line clearing abilities translated to only three Red Hawk tries for goal in the second half.

"We play a good ball control game," said Clarke. Indeed, all of the Holy Cross players possess that special knack for feeling pressure. Great communication and a savvy ability to find the open pass combined to seal the season for the Red Hawks. Holy Cross pressed for two through balls in the second half to add to their lead and push the final tally to 8 goals.

Red Hawk coach Amy Klose congratulated Clarke and

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

handed out the ribbons to the combatants after the final game last Tuesday afternoon.

The Red Hawks left nothing behind on the field, and to their credit, both coaches played all of their players and the game was played in the best traditions of the game. Clean tackles, good challenges and fair play on both sides.

But, in the end, all of that summer experience in the Peterborough 'Rep' league made the difference. This was quite possibly the best team that the Red Hawks have faced all season.

Jade Grant scored twice for the Hurricanes with Kayla Campanaro, Becky Swift and Molly Bucholtz adding singles to round out the Peterborough scoring.

In the Kawartha Final, it was just more of the same for the Hurricanes.

A prepossessing pressure attack with the focus on well played through balls, the hallmark of this quick, counter-attacking squad, proved too much for the stymied Vikings.

The Holy Cross back line, under pressure at various

times, once again showed great clearing abilities. Strikers pressed their advantage when called upon, but more often than not utilized their backfield rather than press the ball to turnovers.

The Holy Cross backfield tore a page from the Italians, often neglecting dangerous through kicks, in favour of play back to the goal.

The Hurricanes pressed their ball control game to a 3-nil first advantage in the first half.

Their fourth goal came on what was surely the goal of the game and a strike that served to delineate what makes this team so good.

The Hurricanes scored on a corner set, set up with a very strong cross to the penalty area which struck two heads before depositing into the back of the goal. The cross was strong, the execution flawless.

Another high floater from a great touch through late in the half made it 5-nil and put the exclamation point on the contest. Well and truly, it was a game dominated at every stage by this strong Peterborough club.

Michelle O'Brien scored twice in the contest. Braithwaite, Abi Davidson and Corinne Oliver added lone goals to round out the scoring.

"It's nice to win here, but now we've got to prepare for COSSA," said Clarke.



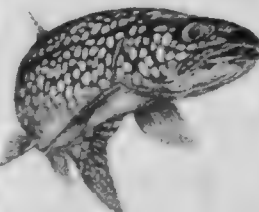
Hurricane's Kayla Campanaro Scores



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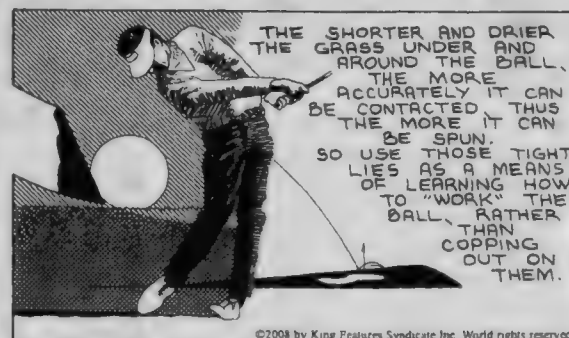
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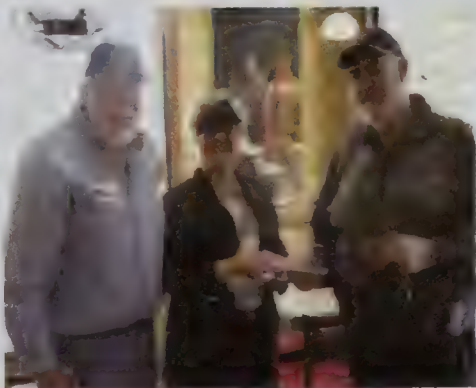
The "Subs For Your Health" fundraiser was held by both restaurant locations to help raise funds for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. A total of \$1,551.00 (or 25 per cent of the total sales) were raised to benefit the health care and hospital facilities in Haliburton and Minden. The Subway owners generous enough to make this donation are Peter Shah and Mehul Patel.

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1. "That's all, folks."
2. "There's no place like home."
3. "I taut I taw a puddy tat!"

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. "Kemo Sabe."
5. "A date which will live in infamy."
6. "Old soldiers never die. They just fade away."

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7. "Nice guys finish last."

- Answer _____
8. "Turn on, tune in, drop out." Answer _____
9. "These are the times that try men's souls." Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. Porky Pig. 2. Dorothy ("The Wizard of Oz"). 3. Tweety (Sylvester and Tweety). 4. Tonto. 5. Franklin D. Roosevelt. 6. Douglas MacArthur. 7. Leo Durocher. 8. Timothy Leary. 9. Thomas Paine.

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Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You see life as both creative and pragmatic. You would not only be a fine artist, but also a successful one.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An apparent act of injustice might turn out to be either an error in judgment or just plain stupidity. So calm down and cool off, and let the explanations roll out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's upsetting when someone you trusted might have failed you. But with new opportunities ahead, you'll soon be too busy to feel even a wee bit sorry for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A sense of uncertainty could be a good reason to change your position on an important matter. Someone close might try to talk you out of it, but it's your decision to make.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Being too zealous in pursuing your goal could create some resistance. Try to be more mindful of what you ask people to do, and they'll be more likely to do it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Things change as you go from being ignored to being lionized once again. This is a good time to reintroduce those previously rejected ideas to a more receptive audience.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone new in your life creates both anticipation as well as anxiety. Avoid the potential for misunderstandings by watching what you say and how you say it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Watch your budget so that you don't overspend now and have less to invest when the time is right later on. Arrange to share your weekend with someone special.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The temptation to involve yourself in a friend's or family member's personal problems is laudable. But get the facts before you make a firm commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to keep the faith in your ability to get the job done, and done well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You've reached an important point in your ongoing pursuit of your goals. You might now want to consider letting someone you trust join you on your journey.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You've been going through a spate of uncertainty involving people you care for. But it might be time to take a stand on a position you feel sure you can defend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Treading water keeps you busy, but it won't get you where you need to go. Time to stop making excuses and to start moving ahead toward your goals.



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

MOTHER OF THREE WANTS TO FLEE HER EMPTY NEST

DEAR ABBY: I am a 54-year-old divorced woman who raised three kids on my own for 15 years. I would now like to make a major change in my life and move to a small town in a Southern state. My kids are grown except for my youngest, who will graduate from high school this summer and probably attend college.

My parents, who don't even live in this town, are opposed to the idea. They say I am "abandoning my children," and my siblings are asking how I can move so far away from my elderly parents, which makes me feel guilty.

Am I wrong for wanting a new life of my own? My loved ones can always come to visit me. Do I owe it to my parents to stay here?

I can no longer afford to live where I am here in San Diego, but if I move to a less expensive community, I suppose I could afford a small home. -- **RESTLESS**

DEAR RESTLESS: Having raised your children to the point that they are independent, you are entitled to live wherever you wish. However, before making any hard-and-fast decisions, please answer some honest questions:

What will you do if your parents become too ill or frail to travel? Once your children marry and your grandchildren start arriving, how involved do you want to be in their lives?

If you will have enough money to travel for visits when you wish, then go with a clear conscience. If not, consider moving to a smaller, less expensive community not so far away from the family.

P.S. A final question: If something should happen to you, would you want your family to be closer?

DEAR ABBY: I have had this friend, "Dina," for about five years. It took me a while to notice, but now I realize she calls me only when she needs something -- a shoulder to cry on, a favor or, more recently, someone to brag to about her "good fortune."

Dina's "fiance" (I'll call him "Ethan") has finally divorced his wife to be with her. He has physically and emotionally abused Dina in the past, and continues to use drugs. I have loaned her money and helped her out in more ways than I can count.

Ethan recently got a big settlement, so Dina had \$10,000 worth of plastic surgery done and took a trip to the Caribbean. But she has never once offered to repay me what she owes. She has also never been to my new house, not even for the housewarming. She says I live "too far," although it's only 20 minutes from her place.

Dina's wedding is scheduled soon. I don't want to attend because I think Ethan is an abuser -- and besides, it's "too far." She keeps calling, and I just let the machine pick up. I don't want to invest any more in this friendship, but I don't know what to do. Advice, please. -- **MS. L. IN SEATTLE**

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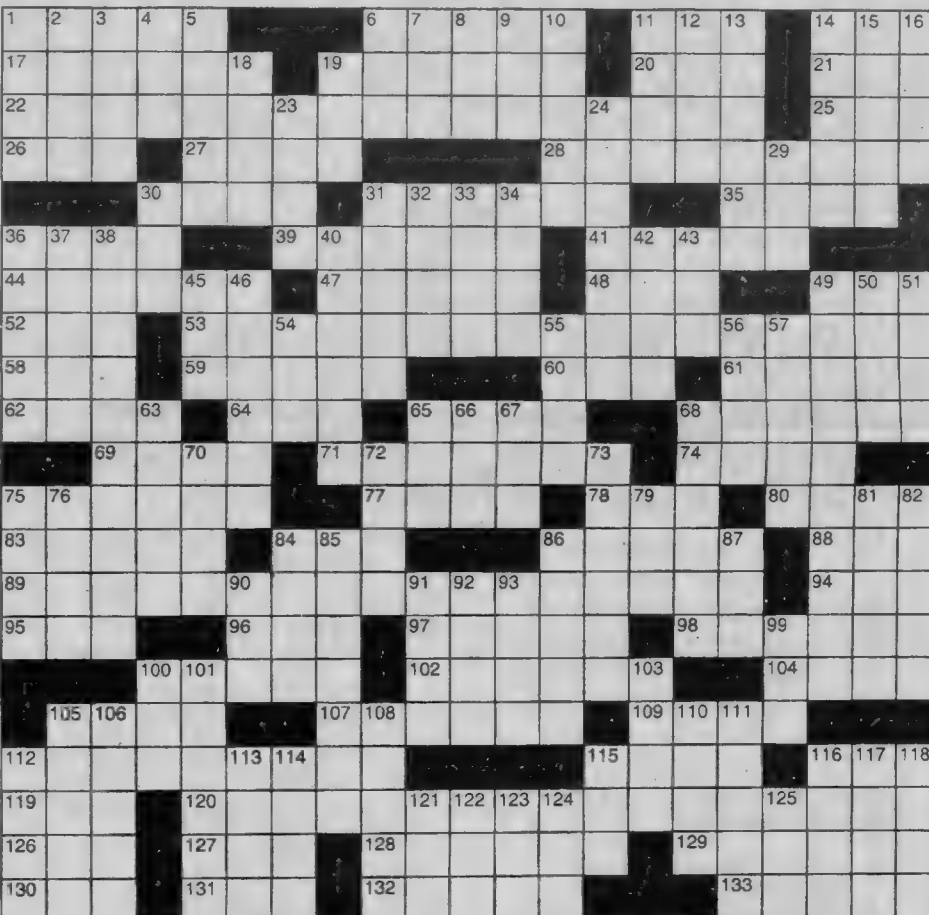
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The Yard Sale Phenomenon

With the balmy spring weather upon us, more and more yard sales are popping up all over the place in the County.

According to the Wikipedia web site, yard sales are also commonly known as "garage sales", "rummage sales", "attic sales", "moving sales," and "junk sales". These yard sales typically feature unwanted or no longer needed items that a homeowner wants to get rid of quickly and often cheaply. Some people choose to have a yard sale because they need to clear out clutter, are moving out or want to raise money for a special cause.

For example, a yard sale held at a church in Edmonton last Monday was used to raise funds for victims of an earthquake that hit south-western China. Vendors sold clothing, art, household items and electronics to hundreds of shoppers.

Meanwhile, a little closer to home, local resident Bev Shaw was getting ready to head out to yard sales in the County two weekends ago. Shaw is an avid yard sale participant who has been to numerous yard sales over the years. She has also run many yard sales of her own. In fact, the first one she ever attended was at the tender age of 10 with her mother.

"Fifteen years ago is when I did my first one," said Shaw. "I've maybe had five of my own and have

gone to 8-10 in a season."

Shaw says there are all kinds of goodies that can be found at a yard sale. She described some of the treasures she has discovered over the years which have turned out to be quite valuable.

"I found a plate when I was at a yard sale with my mother about 30 years ago. We paid a \$1.50 for it and now it's worth about \$500. I also found a iron baker's rack that I paid \$35 for. It's about 6 1/2 ft. tall and weighs a ton. I plan on keeping it."

On average, she says she'll usually spend \$30-\$40 on an item. However, she openly admits to spending more than that on furniture.

"If I see furniture I like, I'll put a deposit down on it and go to the bank and get the rest."

Taking part in yard sales is something that she says has run in the family for a very long time.

"I got it from my grandma and mom. It's in the blood," she explained.

She says her daughter has also caught on to the yard sale bug.

"My daughter used to sell Kool-Aid at yard sales. Sometimes she had better sales than I did with the yard sale!" exclaimed Shaw.

Look below to check out this week's Voice yard sale map. ■

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We asked people in Haliburton, "How do you feel about the fire that was set in the historic caboose?"



Lynne Davies, Haliburton – "Nobody should end up causing damage to something that isn't theirs. If no one likes it done to their stuff, then why should they do it someone else's? I don't really understand why they did it"



Nancy McPherson, Minden – "I feel very sad that this is moving into Haliburton because this is a place people come to for its beauty and nature. This violence coming here is just not right. People should just learn to love what they've got instead of constantly destroying it."



Laurie Jones, Gooderham – "I think that it's terrible. It's a sad loss. When I drove in and saw the yellow tape, I didn't think it was because of a fire. I thought that restoration work was being done on it. Some people will say that it's one less thing to worry about, but if people are burning down landmarks that's something to worry about."



John Lennard, Minden – "It's a shame. I kind of liked the thing down there. I'm very surprised and I wouldn't have expected something this drastic."



Gary Gough, Drag Lake – "It's a criminal act. It's not surprising at all. It's very difficult to stop these people once they're on a mission. Some think it was somewhat of an eyesore, so there are people who would burn it down."



Ed Hodgins, Haliburton – "I think it's terrible. I don't think anyone should burn something like that. It was very nice for people to look at and now it's all burned up."

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Bat Death Mystery



Wildlife and conservation officials throughout the United States have been advised to be on the alert for a mysterious ailment that has killed thousands of bats over the past four months in caves and mines across the Northeast. The U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) National Wildlife Health Center in Wisconsin has examined nearly 100 bat carcasses from the affected region. Researchers there say they have been unable to determine exactly why the bats died of "white-nose syndrome" — a term used because of an overgrowth of a fungus normally present in the flying mammals but found covering large areas of the dead bats, including around their noses. The excessive fungus is believed to be merely a sign of overall poor health rather than a primary cause of the deaths. The USGS biologists say they have found that most of the dead bats were emaciated, with some exhibiting changes in their lungs that are difficult to explain.

Warming Crop Losses



Climate change is expected to lower Earth's potential for growing crops more than 15 percent by the 2080s, according to a new World Bank report. *The Little Green Data Book 2008* warns that developing countries will bear the brunt of the adverse effects of global warming with a nearly 20 percent drop in agricultural productivity, compared to a 6 percent drop to be suffered by industrialized nations. It adds that as agriculture delivers lower yields, food prices will rise even higher than the recent jump, while levels of malnutrition and related human diseases also increase. Impacts will be the most acute in Southeast Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Rain Delay



Those hoping for a drop in skyrocketing food prices are likely to be disappointed due to extremely wet weather this spring across America's Corn Belt. Fields are so wet in the prime growing states of Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and Ohio that farmers are unable to get their equipment into the field to plant. Experts fear that it may soon be too late for many farmers to have a successful growing season. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that corn production this year could be down as much as 7 percent from the record-breaking levels last year. About one-third of the harvest will be directed toward ethanol production rather than food.

Eruptions



Chilean authorities told those evacuated from near the erupting Chaiten volcano that the mountain could suddenly release torrents of red-hot pyroclastic material that could vaporize their homes. Chaiten began erupting on May 2 for the first time in at least 9,000 years, spewing tons of toxic ash that have blanketed a broad swath of southern Chile and Argentina's Patagonia region. Officials fear that 2 million sheep in the Argentine province of Chubut are in danger of starvation because the ash has covered and killed the vegetation the animals depend upon for food.

• Sicily's Mount Etna spewed lava for five consecutive days as authorities kept a cautious eye on cracks in the volcano's cone.

Pacific Typhoon



Category-4 Typhoon Rammasun churned the western Pacific before losing force over the cooler waters east of Japan. The storm was a threat only to shipping lanes.

Earthquakes



More than 50,000 people are dead, missing or buried beneath the rubble of buildings devastated by a 7.9 magnitude quake in China's Sichuan province. Seismologists say the two minutes of horrific shaking that razed entire towns were caused by two shifts of the Longmenshan Fault, which stretches across the province. A 60-mile section initially ruptured by about 23 feet. Then a longer section to the northeast sheared 13 feet. The resulting shaking was felt as far away as Tokyo, Bangkok and south-central Russia.

• Earth movements were also felt in Taiwan and Guam.

Individual Adaptation



A study by British researchers has found that individual birds can quickly adjust to climate change without having to wait on the slower process of evolution to change the species' behavior. Ecologists who have tracked the population of great tits in Wytham Woods, near Oxford, since 1961 have discovered that the birds are laying their eggs about two weeks earlier in recent decades. "It's only in the past 30 to 35 years that you see this increase in temperature in early spring to which the birds have responded," says study leader Ben Sheldon of the University of Oxford. He points out that the earlier breeding time coincides with a shift in the emergence of the birds' favored food — the caterpillars of the winter moth. One sign that individual adaptation is behind the shift, rather than evolution, is that the birds seem to respond to a warmer spring by laying their eggs earlier in the same year.

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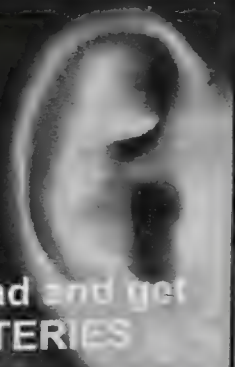
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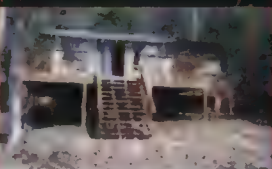
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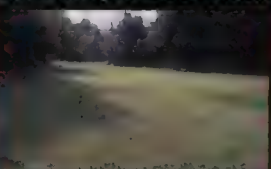
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Maple Lake - \$249,900



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Kushog Lake - \$959,000



Features large eat-in kitchen, separate living room, dining room, plus den, laundry on main floor off kitchen with door to back deck plus a 2 pc powder room. Large master bedrm with ensuite, plus 3 other bdrms, 4pc bath. Attached heated double garage.
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Kushog Lakes - \$889,000



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BUECHLER, Albert Gustav-

Passed away peacefully at Highland Wood Long Term Care, Haliburton on Thursday, May 22, 2008 in his 91st year.

Survived by his wife of 66 years Freda Emma Buechler (nee Bartels), his daughters Carol Lee Dobbie (Dennis), Louise Sisson (Earle), Diane DeBoo (Ken) and predeceased by his daughter Elizabeth (Lillibet). Loving grandfather of Warren, Tammy, Tracy, Ernie, Karen, Robin, Jeff, Shay and great-grandfather to 17 great-grandchildren. Dear brother of Eric, Arthur, Betty, Dorothy and predeceased by his sister Irma.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Sunday afternoon from 2-5 pm. Funeral Service in the chapel on Monday, May 26, 2008 at 1:00 pm. Cremation to follow. Reception will be held in the family centre at the funeral home.

Memorial Donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or to the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family

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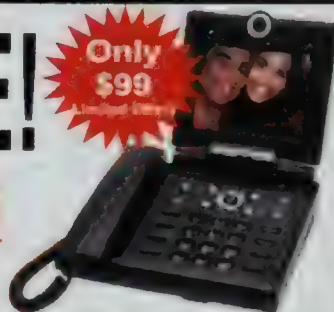
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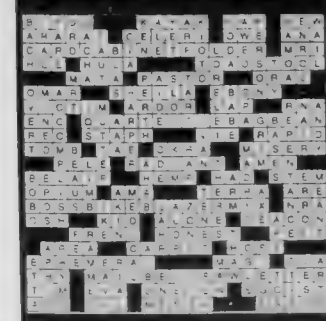
Events

MINDEN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S Monthly meeting- Tuesday, June 3, 7:30 pm. Minden Community Centre, guest speaker PEGGY GIMMEL. Friendly Gardening. Treats- Rhubarb Rhapsody - All welcome. For more info call Jessie Geall-286-4141 May e 08

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Events

TRASH TO TREASURE
SATURDAY JUNE 14
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THE COMMUNITY CARE TRIP CLUB has two trips on the roster. On Wednesday May 28 we have a bus leaving for the Sony Centre to see Irish Singer Daniel O'Donnel and then on Wednesday June 11th we are off to see the Blue Jays play the Seattle Mariners. Our tickets are Field Level Infield, and we are directly behind home plate. Both trips include transportation, dinner and all taxes and gratuities. Call 457-2941 for more information. May e 08

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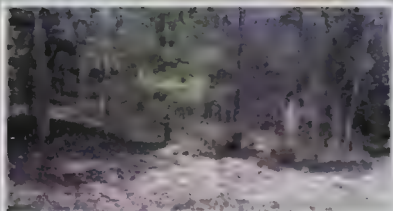
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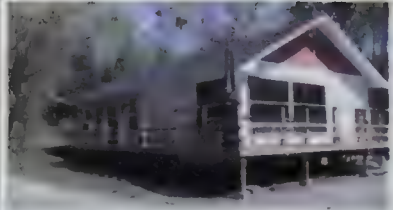
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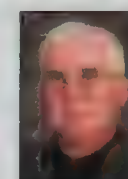
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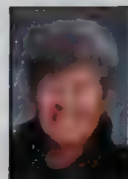
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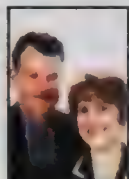
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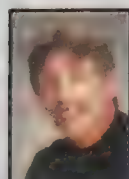
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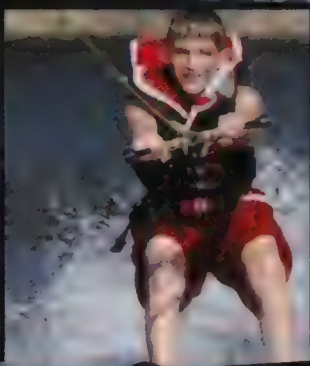
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Some Great Boat Buying Advice

Which type of boat is right for me?

One of the terrific things about boating is that there are boats designed for different activities. Multi-purpose boating is a common choice for many boaters. In this case, boaters wish to buy a boat which will serve as a fishing, skiing and picnic boat.

Performing a boat comparison can help to narrow down your search. Do you enjoy fishing on the local waterways? Are you looking for a boat to use for waterskiing, wakeboarding and other exciting water sports? Are you looking for a craft designed for family boating? Do you want a boat for a little of everything? Consult our Boat Selector tool to choose the boat that is right for you. This boat buyer guide can help you choose the ideal boat for your specific needs.

How big of a boat will I need?

The size of boat you choose depends on how many people will be boating with you and where you plan on boating. Make sure you anticipate these things accurately to ensure boater safety each time you're under way. Every new boat has a "capacity plate" that tells you how many people you can safely have on board. If your choice comes down to a question of 2-4 feet in size, buy more if your budget allows. Doing this will allow you to keep your boat longer as your needs change. Choose a boat that is no more than 26-feet long if you plan on trailering to different waterways and marinas.

What will it cost?

Buying a boat doesn't have to be painful - there's a boat for every budget. Boat owners are often surprised that their dream boat cost less than they'd expected! New boats and pre-owned boats bought at a reputable dealership can be financed, so you can take advantage of monthly payments. As with cars, pre-owned boats typically cost less than a similar new model.

Should I buy new or used?

We suggest that you shop new first. You will gain insight into which type of boat is best for you and the market price. You can then do a boat comparison on similar pre-owned models. With this information, you can zero in on your perfect boat!

If I buy used, how do I know the boat is in good condition?

Get a qualified marine surveyor's inspection. Surveyors will check all systems, as well as the hull structure and can ensure that boat maintenance has been upheld. Call several insurance companies in your area for recommended surveyors.

What is the best time of year to buy?

The best time is when you are ready! You can find a great deal on a boat at any time of year. Boat shows are great places to shop - you can compare boats from a wide variety of brands and dealers, and can often take advantage of special show pricing and financing offers. Just be sure you've done some homework and identified the right type of boat for your needs before you buy.

How do you find a good dealer?

Shop around a little ... boat shows are also ideal for finding the dealer that suits you best. Choose a dealer who is convenient to where you'll be using your boat. The dealer who goes out of his/her way to get you on the water, knowing you are qualified and ready to buy, should get high marks.

What about power needs?

When deciding what engine you will need on your boat, it's best to consider what you will be using your boat for. Waterskiers will need more power, where fishing buddies will probably use less. Today's buyer can also choose from new-tech engines that are more fuel efficient and environmentally friendly. It's best to compare boats with different engine sizes and consult a boat buying resource to make the best choice.

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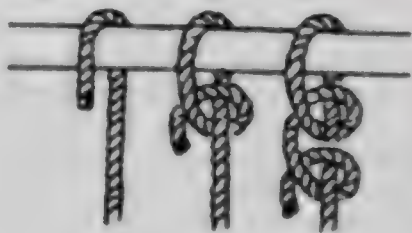
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Boating Knots

Two Half Hitches

This reliable knot is quickly tied and is the hitch most often used in mooring. To tie:

Pass the end of a rope around a post or other object. Wrap the short end of rope under and over the long part of rope, pushing the end down through the loop. This is a half hitch. Repeat on the long rope, below first half hitch, and draw tight.



Bowline

This knot does not jam or slip when tied properly. To tie: Make the overhand loop with the end held toward you, then pass the end through the loop.

Now, pass the end up behind the standing part, then down through the loop again. Draw tight.

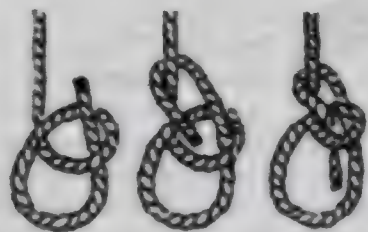
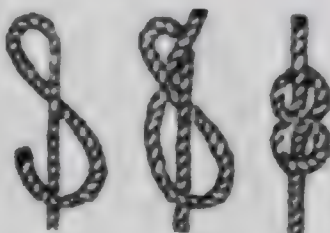


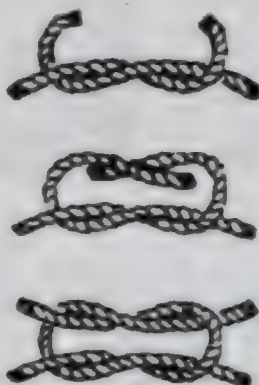
Figure Eight

This knot is ideal for keeping the end of a rope from running out of a tackle or pulley. To tie: Make an underhand loop, bringing the end around and over the standing part. Pass the rope end under, then up through the loop. Draw tight.



Square Knot

This knot is used at sea for reefing and furling sails. To tie: Pass the left end of the rope over and under the right end. Curve what is now the left end toward the right, and cross what is now the right end over and under the left. Draw tight.



Anchor Bend

This knot is used to secure a rope or a line to an anchor. To tie:

Pass two loops through a ring. Place the free end around a standing line. Pass the free end through loops. Complete by making a half hitch.



Clove Hitch

This knot is a general utility hitch for when you need a quick, simple method of fastening a rope around a post, spar or stake. To tie:

Make a turn with the rope around the object and over itself. Take a second turn with the rope around the object. Pull the end up under the second turn so it is between the rope and the object; tighten by pulling on both ends.



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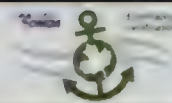
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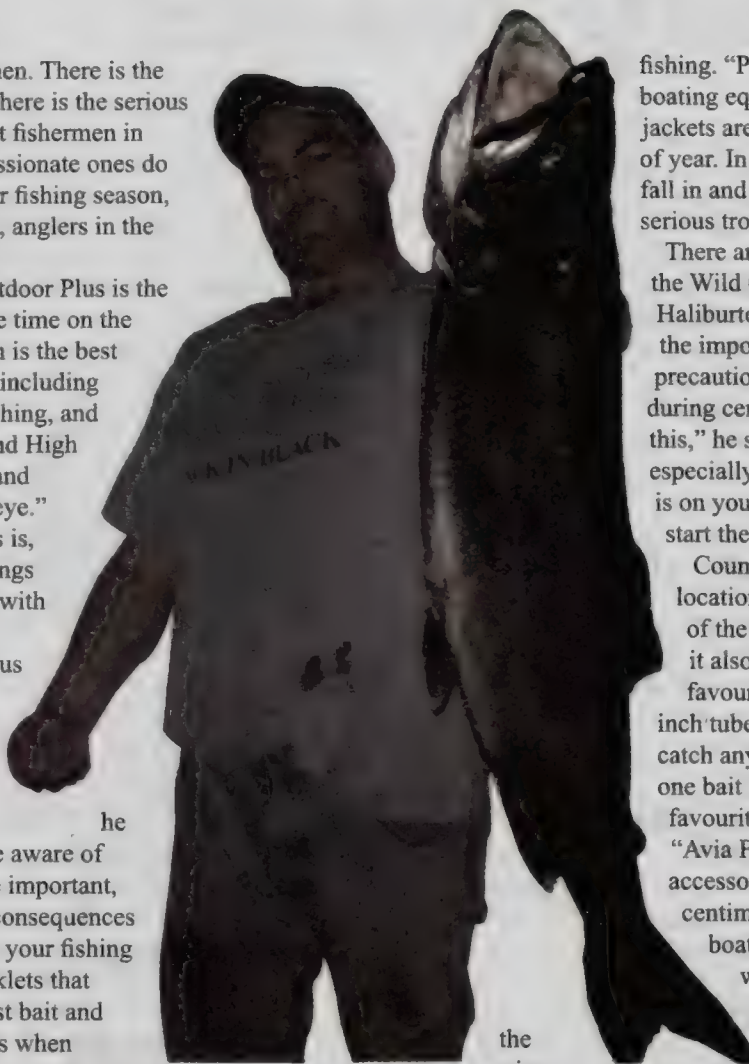
By Tyson Farrell

Within the Haliburton Highlands, there are varying levels of fishermen. There is the casual angler who enjoys drowning a few worms every so often, and there is the serious fisherman who has all the equipment, the boat, and the expertise. Most fishermen in the Highlands are of the more casual variety, but some of the more passionate ones do reside within our county's borders. In preparation for the busy summer fishing season, the County Voice talked to three of the most reputable, and passionate, anglers in the Highlands.

If one wishes to talk about fishing, Norm Perrott of Haliburton's Outdoor Plus is the man to talk to. Perrott is an avid angler, who enjoys spending his spare time on the lakes of Haliburton. He believes that the Kashagawigamog Lake chain is the best place for fishing in the county. "Anything you want to fish is in there, including some pretty big fish," he says. "The Highlands are a great place for fishing, and they have become even better over the last 12 years or so. Hatchery and High school efforts have taken hit-and-miss walleye fishing in Haliburton, and turned it into near everyday catches and impressive quantities of walleye." When asked where the most beautiful fishing location in the highlands is, Perrott responds, "Wherever my family wants to go, and wherever brings my family together. The most important thing about fishing is to do it with your family and children."

According to Perrott, the hot new item of the shelves of Outdoors Plus is the Rapala Bleeding Hot Olive. The lure just arrived, and people have already been coming in the store looking for it. "It has three different colours, which means you have to change your lure less often. It's a good lure for novices," he says.

Although Perrott believes fishing is a great and enjoyable sport, he stresses the more serious side of the activity. He urges all anglers to be aware of government fishing regulations, and to abide by them. Regulations are important, because they protect the fish while they breed. "There can be serious consequences for people that get caught violating regulations. You can be fined, lose your fishing equipment, and even have your boat confiscated," he warns. Free booklets that contain up-to-date government fishing regulations are available at most bait and tackle shops. Perrott also stresses the importance of safety precautions when



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fishing. "People who are fishing in boats need proper boating equipment, like a throw rope and whistle. Life jackets are especially important, particularly this time of year. In the spring when the water is still cold, if you fall in and you don't have a life jacket on, you can be in serious trouble."

There are many who believe that Chris Coumbs of the Wild Outdoors is one of the finest fishermen in the Haliburton Highlands. Like Perrott, Coumbs stresses the importance of government regulations and safety precautions. "Certain fish should only be caught during certain times of the year. People need to realize this," he says. "Life jackets are also really important, especially when the motor is running. When the motor is on you're more susceptible to falling out. So don't start the motor if you're not wearing your lifejacket."

Coumbs believes that the most beautiful fishing location in the Highlands is Percy Lake. "It's one of the least developed boat-accessible lakes, and it also has really good trout in it," he laughs. His favourite lure for catching those trout is a four inch tube lure that is pumpkin red flecked. "You can catch anything that swims with it. If I had to pick one bait in the country, it would be a tube." Coumbs favourite new item in the Wild Outdoors store is the "Avia Fishin' Buddy," which is a remarkable fishing accessory for children. The Avia is a small, thirty centimetres long remote controlled boat. The tiny boat has a fishing line and hook attached to it, which can catch fish as big as two pounds.

Using a remote control, a person can control Avia from afar, and catch fish without even out on the water.

believes that the Highlands are a

wonderful place for fishing, but there is room for improvement. "A great deal has been done to increase the walleye population, but if Haliburton spent a little more time and money increasing walleye stocks, walleye fishing could become the biggest tourist attraction Haliburton County has ever had. Look at Napanee this time of year. They have walleye fishing derbies, and if you were to phone, you couldn't book a hotel room anywhere near the town it's so busy," he says. "People come from miles away for good Walleye fishing. Haliburton would be packed with fishermen." Coumb's idea of using fishing as a stimulus for Haliburton tourism is interesting, but he says that it's nothing new. "Twenty years ago, Haliburton's fishing industry was promoted more. Back then, when you walked down Main Street Haliburton in the summer, you'd see license plates from six or seven American states. Many of those cars belonged to fishermen. When I was a child, there were more American than Canadian fisherman on Haliburton lakes."

One of the most passionate fishermen in the Minden district is Jack Saunders of Minden Bait and Tackle. He too believes that Kashagawigamog is one of the best lakes for fishing within Haliburton, because it has great walleye and lake trout. If people are looking for beautiful fishing locations, Saunders recommends some of the northern Haliburton lakes like Kennisis and Redstone. He likes them because they have beautiful rock faces and cliffs. "The lakes with less cottages on them are also nice, and so are the Minden rapids," he says.

Like most serious fishermen, Saunders urges people to be safe while boating and fishing. He warns anglers to be careful on busy lakes like Kashagawigamog and Kennisis, where there are large amounts of boat traffic. "There can be lots of powerboats, wakeboard boats, ski-doo's, and even sail boats. These can cause collisions, and rope cut offs."

Saunders also believes that fishing could play a larger role in attracting tourists. "During certain parts of the year, Lake Simcoe and Scugog are closed to fishing. A lot of people from the city see this, and assume that Haliburton fishing is also closed... but we can fish basically everyday of the year for something in Haliburton. We have fifteen lakes open year round for lake trout. This should be better advertised," he states. "Wisconsin and Minnesota use walleye fishing to promote their tourist industries. I believe we could do the same."

If people want to try and catch some walleye, Saunders recommends the "Hot and Tot" lure. It's his lure of choice for walleye, and it yields great results. If people are determined to experiment with different bait and lures, the newest fishing accessory available at Minden Bait and Tackle is "Gulp Alive." It's a product of packaged artificial worms and minnows in a lotion that emits a powerful scent irresistible to fish.

When asked how the upcoming summer will be for fishing in the Highlands, Saunders smiles and says, "Every summer is a good summer." The summer is no doubt a good time for seasoned anglers like Jack Saunders, Chris Coumbs, and Norm Perrott. For the more casual fishermen, the summer season may be less fruitful. However, if the casual fisherman heeds the advice of our three fishing sages, they might just find themselves pulling more fish out of the lakes and rivers of the Haliburton Highlands. ■

Whether or not you're an experienced angler, fishing is a tranquil and relaxing activity anyone can enjoy. Catch and release it or take it home to toss on the barbeque. You might not catch a prize muskie every time, but just sitting (or standing) still and being quiet for a few hours you might start noticing the sounds of nature and wildlife around a calm lake or babbling creek. The waterfront is home to many birds and animals as well as fish and frogs. If you're lucky you might spot a deer, moose, lynx, fox, beaver, or muskrat. Ospreys, loons, and ducks are a common sight and sound, and the occasional bald eagle. Truly our lakes are a naturalist's dream. All you've got to do is take the time to take notice. Spotted about the county are various bait and tackle and outdoor shops. One will tell you the shimmering, 3 inch spinner with feathers and gold beads is the only way to catch a big one, the next might say just a juicy worm and a whole lot of patience. If you are interested in a one of a kind adventure with a fishing rod, on foot, or in a boat, check out our featured maps to find out where your favourite fish species are hiding.

If you are a tourist to the area, a stay at one of our resorts, B&B, or rental cottages can offer you lots of fun in the sun and on the water. Most resorts can offer you a sandy beach, canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, and swimming. Many have boating tours, motor boat rentals, waterskiing, pontoon rides, seadoos, sailing, and windsurfing.

This summer, as you're touring wild and wonderful Haliburton remember, there is always fun to be had by the water and it's not hard to find.

The fish pictured was caught from shore on a local lake which the fisherman likes to refer to as "Foremetoknowlake"

While he won't cough up the location, it does prove that they exist this size in Haliburton County! Now - go find 'em!!!

Right-of-way rules

Right-of-way rules help vessels that are sharing waterways avoid colliding for sailing vessels include:

When each sailing vessel has the wind on a different side, the vessel that has the wind on its port (left) side must keep out of the way of the other. In the illustration below, A keeps clear of B.

If a sailing vessel has the wind on its port side and the sailor cannot determine with certainty whether the other vessel has the wind on its port or starboard side, the first vessel must keep out of the way of the other.

When both sailing vessels have the wind on the same side, the vessel to windward* shall keep out of the way of the vessel to leeward. B keeps clear of A.

* The windward side is the side opposite to that on which the mainsail is carried or, in the case of a square-rigged vessel, the side opposite to that on which the largest fore-and-aft sail is carried.

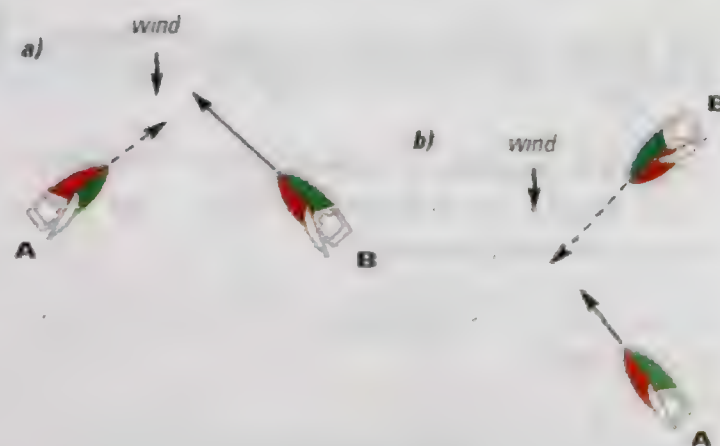
Maintaining a proper lookout and avoiding a collision ^

Maintaining a constant lookout is common sense and the law. If you are sharing the water with large vessels remember they have limited visibility, manoeuvrability and take much longer to come to a stop. Be prepared to move out of the way of these vessels for these reasons.

Be aware and be considerate ^

Never buzz, try to spray swimmers, cut in front of or try to jump the wake of other vessels. Some of the worst boating accidents happen when speed or distance is misjudged. It only adds to the tragedy when the two parties involved are friends or relatives.

Vessels less than 20 m (65'7") in length, including sailing vessels, must stay out of the way of larger vessels that can safely navigate only within the channel. A large vessel will remind you of the requirement to give way by giving five or more short blasts of its horn. This means the situation has escalated to an emergency and you must take all necessary steps to get out of the way.



Boating Law Enforcement

Most on-water enforcement authorities have a zero tolerance policy regarding missing safety equipment on a boat. Under the Contraventions Regulations (now in the provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia) authorities can ticket offenders on the spot for offences such as disobeying speed limits or careless operation of a vessel, instead of requiring them to appear in court.

Remember, everyone on board your pleasure craft must have, and should be wearing, a Canadian approved, appropriately sized flotation device (either a lifejacket or personal flotation device) that is in good condition. This contravention could cost you over \$200 for each violation!

Fines* for common boating offences:

- Operating a vessel in a careless manner - \$250
- Speeding - \$100
- Underage operation of a personal watercraft - \$100
- Operating a power-driven pleasure craft without the required Pleasure Craft Operator Card - \$250
- Insufficient number of approved, appropriately sized flotation devices - \$200

* Not including administrative charges. For a complete list of boating-related offences under the *Contraventions Regulations* and their associated fines visit www.boatingsafety.gc.ca.

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Less than 12 years of age and not directly supervised**	Can operate a pleasure craft with no more than 10 hp (7.5 kW)
Between 12, and under, 16 years of age and not directly supervised**	Can operate a pleasure craft with no more than 40 hp (30 kW)
Less than 16 years of age	Not allowed to operate a PWC***
16 years of age or older	No power restrictions

* These requirements apply in all areas outside the Northwest Territories and Nunavut at this time

** Directly supervised means accompanied and directly supervised in the boat by someone 16 years of age or older.

*** Personal watercraft

Fish Licence-Free! Take a Friend Fishing!

If you or someone you know would like to try fishing in Ontario waters for the first time (or the first time in a long time), circle the weekend of July 4-6, 2008 on your calendar. For those three days only (12:01 a.m. Friday to 11:59 p.m. Sunday), Canadian residents can enjoy the fun of fishing in Ontario without a licence during the annual Ontario Family Fishing Weekend.

All other regulations, fees and limits will apply

You must abide by the conservation licence limits set out in the current Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary, available from fishing licence issuers, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, or online. Your limit on walleye and trout, for example, may be two instead of five or six. Some fish, such as pumpkinseed, have no limit. And, of course, there is no limit to the number of fish you can release. Remember, fish with care, and concern for future generations of people and fish!

Monitoring the Weather

Understanding weather and water conditions is very important. Operators should seek out current, relevant information before heading out and know how to get updates while on the water. This requires the knowledge and skill to use a marine radio. A receiver for continuous marine weather forecasts is available and distributed through marine equipment supply outlets.

When heading out, make sure the conditions you see match those predicted. Once under way, remember to keep your eye on the sky. If the sky looks dark and cloudy and conditions are changing rapidly, head for shore (check your charts in advance to know where to seek shelter).

Summer thunderstorms can strike quickly and unexpectedly. Other indicators bad weather is approaching are falling barometric pressure, increasing winds and changes in wind direction that can affect wave action.

Environment Canada uses special wind terms in marine weather forecasts:

- Light wind (10 knots* or less)
- Moderate wind (11- 21 knots)
- Strong wind (22 - 33 knots)
- Gales (34 - 47 knots)
- Storm force wind (48 - 63 knots)
- Hurricane (64 knots or more)

* One knot is one nautical mile an hour (1.852 km/h)

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DEADLINE DATE: July 26, 2008

The draw will take place in August, 2008. Good Luck!

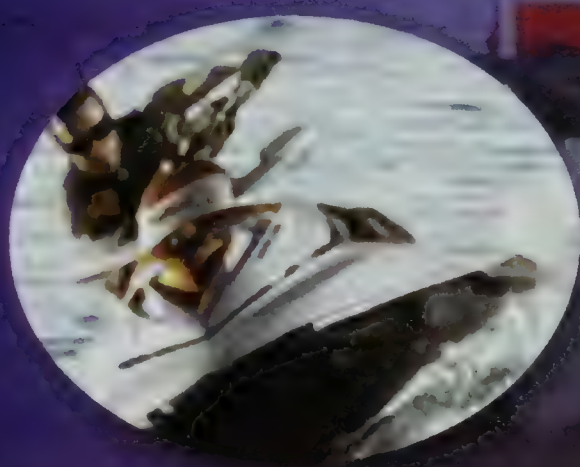
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Boating in the Highlands is Better Than Ever

Gas prices are higher than ever, but it isn't stopping Highlanders from cruising local lakes. Marinas around the county agree, boat sales are at an all time high, and everybody wants to get in on the action.

"We had an excellent and fantastic May 24 weekend. We sold a lot of boats," said Prentice Power Sports owner Paul Prentice. "Things are going better than ever. We're seeing a lot of traffic this spring. New boats, used boats, and ski doo sales are all better than they were last year. We're selling more boats than ATVs. There are so many cottagers in the Highlands that want to enjoy all that the cottage has to offer. A big part of that is a boat. They already have the income for a cottage, so many can afford a boat. Cottagers just want the toys and the pleasures." Les Feero of Brysons Marine is of a similar mind. "People that buy boats tend to be baby boomers, or older. They've already made their money. This year people haven't needed us to finance packages for them. It shows that boat buyers already have the money in hand."

"For people that own expensive power boats, high gas prices aren't an issue. The type of boats you see up here now are nothing like the ones I saw here 32 years ago," said Susanne Hansen of the Kennisis Lake Marina. "There are so much more expensive, and high performance. It's getting busier and busier. More people are launching boats every year. Now you see two or three boats per family." Hansen believes that water levels are a far bigger concern than gas prices for most boaters. "Water levels are so high right now on the lake that cottagers haven't been able to put their

docks in yet. Without their docks, they have nowhere to put their boats."

For people that are hesitant to start boating because of high fuel costs, Jennifer Picken of Walsten Marine has some suggestions. "There are ways for people to enjoy boating and not be affected by high fuel prices. Two stroke engines are up to 50 percent more fuel efficient than four strokes. Making sure that you're engine is tuned up regularly also saves gas. At the same time, people are also leaning to idle their boats less. People are also boating to their destination, and anchoring more, instead of cruising around the lakes so much," she said. "Gas prices aren't affecting us so far. Sales are still strong, and the summer season is looking good."

"This year, the Toronto International Boat Show went really well for us," said Colleen Vassos of Wedgewood Marina. "For us, it was the best

one ever. Since then, we've made a lot of sales. This year is off to a great start, and the upcoming seasons looks good. New engine technologies are making boats more fuel efficient. Partially due to such innovations, high gas prices aren't hindering our sales."

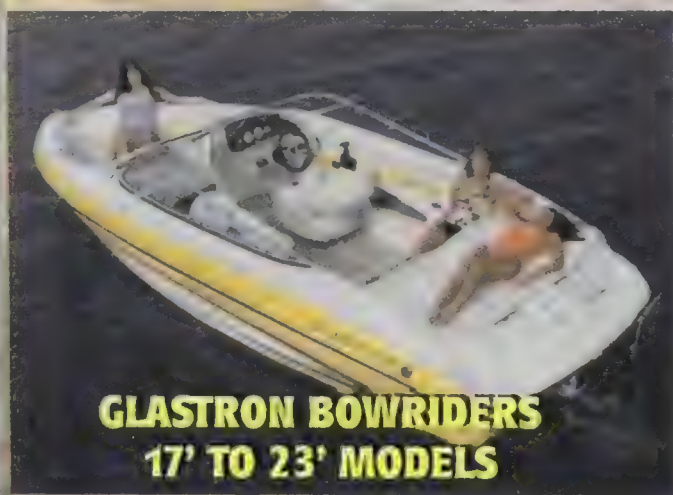
"Gas isn't slowing things down for us," said Brad Willing of the Fort Irwin Marina. "If anything, high gas prices are

keeping people at their cottages, because they don't want to drive back to the city as often." Willing believes that there are greater determinants for boating than high gas prices. "You can never predict how good the summer will be, but I find that it's the amount of bugs, and the weather, that really determines how much people are boating."



What is it that attracts so many of us to the Haliburton Highlands and keeps us here, keeps us coming back? I don't know about you, but that vista effect that happens while driving around Head Lake just doesn't get old to me. I truly believe that there is no place in the world that has a sunset that can stand up to ours. Of course, there are a million other reasons why we love it here, but a major factor is most definitely the water. About one quarter of the landscape in these parts is underwater. Haliburton County has over 600 lakes within its borders! It's no wonder the population increases from roughly 16 000 to 60 000 in the summer months.

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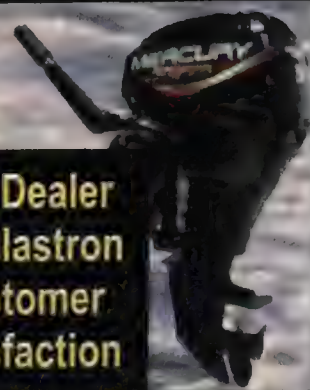
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New Fishing Regulations For 2008

The 2008-2009 edition of *Fishing Ontario*, put out by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), has new regulations that anglers who fish in Haliburton County should be aware of. The handbook is available at the MNR office located at 12698, Highway 35, in Minden. The office hours are from 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday.

The handbook is also available at Minden Live Bait, Outdoors Plus and the Wild Outdoors in Haliburton, and Gone Fishin' on Kennisis Lake Rd. For more information or locations, telephone the MNR at (705) 286-1521. The handbook contains many different fishing regulations, but here are a few of the regulations that will affect Highland fishing the most.

Licences Required:

You need a licence to fish in Haliburton County.

The *Standard Licence* fee is \$23.79/yr, and \$9.91 for a day licence.

The *Conservation Licence* fee, (with a reduced catch limit), is \$13.87/yr and \$9.91 for a day licence.

Walleye/Pickrel:

New regulations apply to Lakes Kashagawigamog, Maple, Grass, Green, and Cranberry, to name just a few.

The *New Season* runs from May 17 to March 15.

Limits: For a standard licence, the limit is 4 per person, with only 1 fish allowed to be taken bigger than 46 cm, or 18.1 inches. With a conservation licence, the limit is one, with the same size restrictions as the standard licence.

Brook Trout/Lake Trout:

The *New Season:* There are added lakes in which "brookies" may now be caught, with approximately 90 lakes open all year. Check the guide on page 69 for the specific lake you're interested in fishing.

There are approximately 65 lakes which are now open all year for Lake Trout. Check on page 70 of the new guide for these lakes. Lakes that are listed as exceptions are on pages 70-75. If a lake is not listed, it's probably listed under *Standard Seasons*.

Limits: On Brook trout for a standard licence, there is a limit of 5; for a conservation licence it's 2. There is no size limitation. For Lake Trout fishing with a standard licence the limit is 2, and with a conservation licence it's 1. Size limitations vary with the lake, so check the booklet carefully.

Bass:

The *New Season:* The opening of the season has now been standardized to the fourth Saturday in June. This year the season opens on June 28, and runs through to November 30.

Limits: With a standard licence, 6, and with a conservation licence 2. There are no size limitations.

Muskie:

The *New Season:* Starts on the first Saturday in June, and goes through to Dec 15.

Limits: With a standard licence you can catch 1, and it must be over 91 cm, or 36 inches. You are not allowed to catch any Muskie with a conservation licence.

Pike:

The *New Season:* First Saturday in May, to March 31 of following year.

Limits: With a standard licence, the limit is 6, and with a conservation licence, 2. There are no size restrictions

Perch: Open all year, limit 50

Crappie: Open all year, limit 30

Sunfish: Open all year, limit 50

Whitefish: Open all year, limit 12

Channel Cat Fish: Open all year, limit 12

These regulations are important, since they are designed to protect and conserve natural fish populations. Violations of fishing regulations can lead to fines, confiscation of fishing equipment, and even impoundment of boats. It is therefore in the best interests of fish and fishermen alike to observe and respect fishing regulations. ■

The Laws of Boating...

1. Any tool, when dropped, will immediately bounce off the deck into the water.
2. The probability of being seen is in direct proportional to the stupidity of your act.
3. After you start changing the oil, your nose will begin to itch.
4. If you have to call the Coast Guard on the VHF, everyone you ever knew heard you.
5. If you are on the cell telling the boss you're sick, a boat will immediately roar by.
6. As soon as you are have the fuel dock lined up, you'll get hit by a wake.
7. As soon as you go in swimming and are completely wet, your cellphone rings.
8. When you finally get the mechanic down to your boat to show him what won't work, it will.
9. If your boat needs 1.5 metres of water, the only spot left on the dock will have 1 metre.
10. If there are only two people in a marina, they will have adjacent slips.
11. As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, something will need attention until the coffee is cold.
12. A 'glass' glass in the cockpit will always shatter.
13. The quieter the anchorage, the greater the chances that someone will be playing loud music.
14. There's always at least one boater who believes the guy who doesn't know what he is talking about. (And yes, always a 'guy'.)
15. A closed mouth gathers no feet. (See previous)
16. As soon as you find a marina you really like, they will raise the rates.
17. As soon as your boat is old enough to start replacing parts, you will discover they no longer make them.

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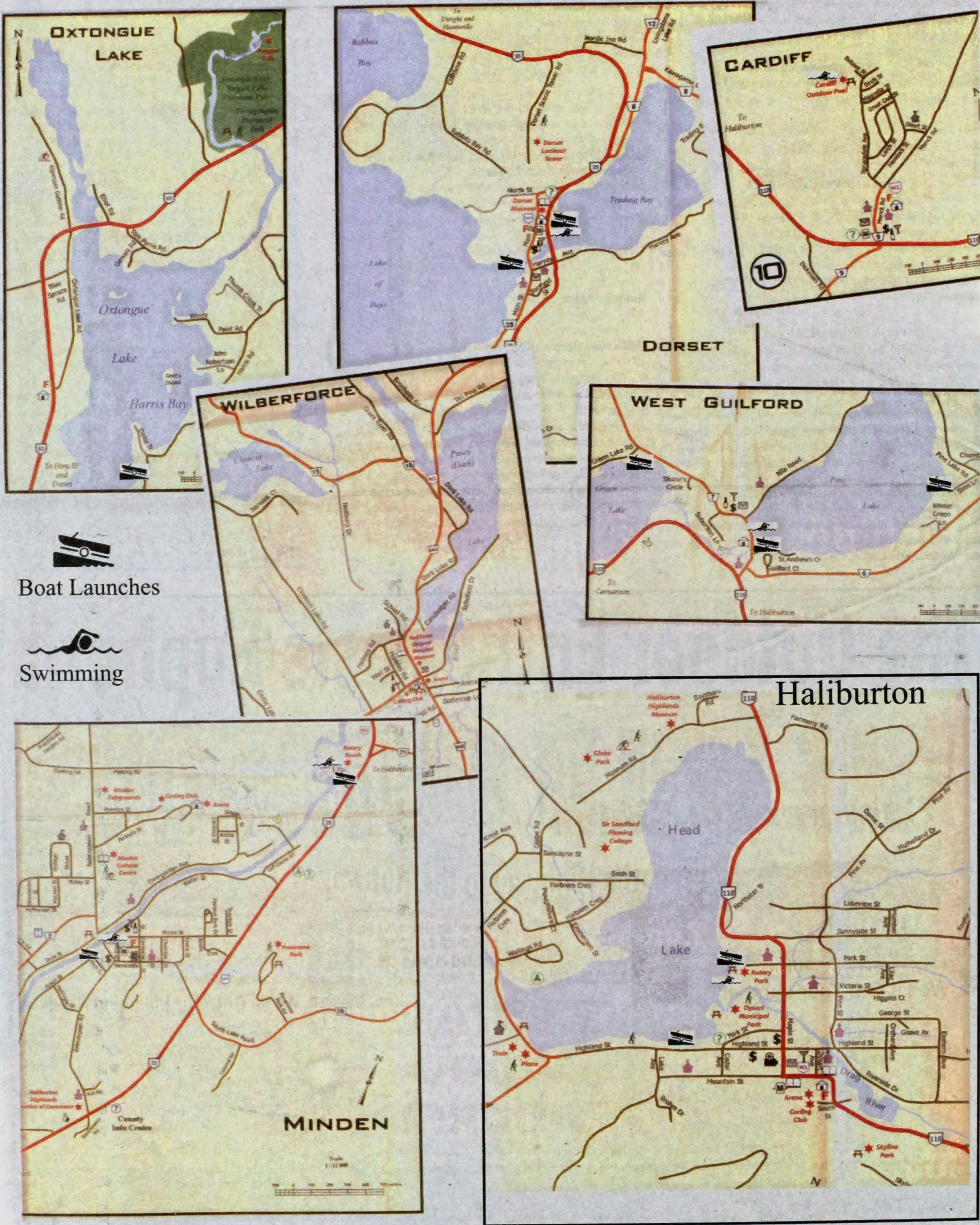
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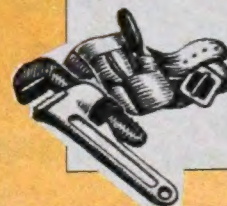


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